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MINDEN ANGELS: The Highland Rangers are once again sponsoring Angel Trees at the CIBC and TD banks in Minden. Each tree is decorated with tags on which are written the age and gender of a child in the area who is in need of a Christmas gift. Anyone interested in giving is asked to remove the tag, purchase a gift for that child, wrap the gift and place it under the tree with the tag attached. As well there are also Snowflakes that can be removed for a twonie. The donation will be used for the purchase of Christmas turkeys. Decorating the tree at the CIBC branch are Jen and Carolyn Ferguson, Faith Aggett, Amanda Hodgson and Amanda Stephenson.

HHSS students take to the streets to protest stalled talks

Voicing their frustration

Waving banners and flags, students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School took their frustrations to the street this past week to protest the stalled contract talks between the teachers and the Trillium Lakelands School Board. Since the beginning of the school year, the teachers have refused to be involved in extra cirricular activities as a way of protesting the lack of a contract with the board. The result has been sagging morale on the part of the teachers and the students. The protests this past week are an indication that the students are becoming fed up with the situation. HHSS student reporter Andrea Hughes was among those who took to the streets. Her report on the protest appears on page 3.

Health board will attempt to accommodate arthritis clinic

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board will attempt to fit an arthitis clinic in the programs it offers throughout the county.

At its November 25 meeting the board heard from Barbara Rimmer, a physiotherapist with the Arthritis Society, regarding the possibility of using one of the HHHS facilities to hold an Arthritis Society clinic eight times per year. Rimmer works with arthritis sufferers throughout Peterborough, Victoria, Haliburton, Hastings and Northumberland Counties. She currently holds clinics in Apsley, Lindsay and Peterborough, and feels that this would be an excellent addition to health serv-

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Health Board will help local arthritis clinics

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ices in Haliburton County.

"It's really about getting patients to take care of their own disease process. That is what I want to see in Haliburton County. My hope is that this is adding on, not taking away from existing services," said Rimmer. She added that presently she has eight clients in Haliburton County. Rimmer felt that the best facility would be the physiotherapy area at the Haliburton Hospital. There would be no cost to the Health Service Board for the clinic.

Board members generally agreed that this type of clinic was the kind of community health service that the HHHS would like to encourage for the County. The board approved the use of HHHS facilities in principle and moved the matter to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Foundation update

As of November 25, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation had raised $1,461,944.69. It was noted that the foundation had sent out a Christmas mailing, to appeal for funding for mobile heart monitors for Minden and Haliburton. Another popular fund raiser has been the Bears who Care promotion. Two hundred extra bears have been ordered as the demand has been high.

This committee will consist of representatives of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board, the Campbellford Memorial Hospital, the Northumberland Health Care Corporation, the Peterborough hospitals and Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. HHHS must send four delegates to each meeting, but each hospital will only be eligible for one vote at the table. Board member and delegate Ted Wilkes likened this board's participation to Prince Edward Island joining Confederation as an equal partner.

The Joint Executive Committee will be responsible for creating programs and policies for all hospitals within the former Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district. Among the areas being considered are sharing of purchasing, bookkeeping, and other services.

A parallel joint medical committee will also explore ways to provide better co-ordination of medical services between the hospitals.

The creation of the Joint Executive Committee was mandated in the report of the Hospital Restructuring Committee issued earlier this year.

Municipal funding for doctor top up

HHHS Executive Director Foster Loucks told the board that the HHHS had received $9,000 from municipalities in Peterborough and Victoria Counties to help recover the cost of top up expenses for doctor's at the Minden hospital. The organization received $4,000 from Somerville and Galway, Cavendish and Harvey townships, as well as $3,000 from Bexley Township and $2,000 from Laxton, Digby and Longford Townships.

Loucks also noted that because of the unseasonably warm weather, the two capital projects are well ahead of the construction schedule. It is anticipated that in a couple of weeks time, the main doors of the Haliburton Hospital will be open for use.

Board approves JEC membership

Dave Coulson chaired the last portion of the meeting during which the board approved the resolutions involved in establishing the Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge District Hospitals Joint Executive Committee.

Hyland Crest resident Bessie Burk shares a cup of tea with volunteer Betty Hicks during the home's Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. Many visitors took advantage of the sale to purchase craft items made by the residents, pies, muffins and candy along with knitted items. Lunch was also available. Proceeds from the day's sale went to the Hyland Crest Residents' Council.

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St. Paul's, Minden

Wed.	Dec. 9	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sun.	Dec. 13	8 a.m.	Holy Communion
		11 a.m.	Holy Communion-White Gift
		7:30 p.m.	Candlelight & Carols
Wed.	Dec. 16	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sun.	Dec. 20	8 a.m.	Holy Communion
		11 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wed.	Dec. 23	10 a.m.	Holly Communion
Thurs.	Dec. 24	7 p.m.	Family Service
		11 p.m.	Midnight Eucharist
Sun.	Dec. 27	8 a.m.	Holy Communion
		11 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. Peter's, Maple Lake

Sun. Dec. 13	9:15 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sun. Dec. 20	9:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	4 p.m.	Candlelight & Carols
Fri. Dec. 25	10 a.m.	Family Service
Sun. Dec. 27	9:15 a.m.	Holy Communion

St. James, Kinmount

Sun.	Dec. 13	11:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer-White Gift
Sun.	Dec. 20	11:15 a.m.	Holy Communion
		7 p.m.	Candlelight & Carols
Thurs.	Dec. 24	9 p.m.	Family Service
Sun.	Dec. 27	11:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer

St. John's, Irondale

Sun.	Dec. 13	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer-White Gift
Sun.	Dec. 20	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs.	Dec. 24	7 p.m.	Christmas Service
Sun.	Dec. 27	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Hyland Crest, Minden

Tues. Dec. 22	10 a.m.	Christmas Communion

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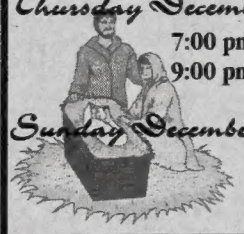
Wed. Dec. 9	5:30 p.m.	Christmas Service of Light

Minden - Carnarvon - Maple Lake
United Churches- Christmas Services

Sunday December 13		Food Bank Sunday - Advent III-Joy
Sunday December 20		Advent IV-Love
	9:00 am	Zion, Carnarvon- Jr Choir "The Grumpy Shepherd" Cantata
	11:15 am	Minden, Senior Choir, Cantata "Let us Adore Him"
	7:30 pm	Zion, Carnarvon, Senior Choir Carols and Lessons
Thursday December 24		Christmas Eve Services
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
	9:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday December 27		Christmas I - Services at all Three Churches



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Choir delights with Christmas favourite

The Haliburton Messiah Choir, under the direction of Melissa Stephens, returned to its roots this past weekend with three performances of Handel's Messiah. The choir delighted the all but capacity audiences with the traditional music of the season performed at Minden and Haliburton United Churches. The four guest soloists, right, were also enthusiastically received. They included Jon-Paul Decosse, bass, former Haliburton County resident Jenna Stutt, alto, both students of the University of Western Ontario School of Music, and Rachel Cleland, soprano and Colin Ainsworth, tenor, students from the University of Toronto Music program. The presentation was accompanied by Beverly Foster accompaniest for Toronto's Orpheus Choir.

Earlier last week Melissa Stephens reported that she wasn't sure if the concerts would take place at all. The accompaniest originally scheduled to play with the choir, Andreas Thiel, was forced to cancel his appearance due to ill health. It was a hectic 48 hours as Stephens scrambled to find a replacement. I was lucky to contact Beverly Foster," Stephens said. "She agreed to play for all three concerts." Foster teaches privately at her studio in Port Perry.

Students protest lack of progress

by HHSS student reporter Andrea Hughes

In the greatest show of school spirit yet in the '98, '99 school year, students left class in the morning of December 2, to speak out against the negative effects of the teachers' job action.

The protest was planned by OAC students, and consisted of mostly OAC students in the morning, for a few good reasons: the OAC students are old enough to sign out on their own (that means no parents calling and demanding to know why their son/daughter is out of class), and because we feel that with the present situation of the teacher strike we may not be recieving the education we'll need to get into the colleges or universities we've been planning to attend.

Signs with slogans like "End the stalemate", "Work to rule hurts our school", and "Caught in the crossfire", prompted passing motorists to honk in support of our cause. Nearly everyone passing honked for us (including those loud transport trucks that everyone loves), others waved or gave us thumbs up signs. We marched through Haliburton Village and to the Board office during the morning.

We took a break for lunch and things resumed afterward. By this time, although still dominated by OAC's, students from other grades had taken up the cause and at about 1:30 p.m., things were at a high point. There were "school spirit mobiles" (vehicles of students) sporting signs and honking, as we marched through the main street of Haliburton in the tradition of a parade. Matt Burk wore his entire school sports uniform and roller blades and carried a sign taped to his hockey stick. Matt says of the strike "It was great, I liked it."

To sum it up, it felt great to be there. It was the first thing to really unite the students yet this year and knowing how much support we had from everyone driving by really kept us going. Trevor Moore says "The strike was good because it got our point across to a lot of people."

I've come to the conclusion that protesting is harder work than it appears to be, but speaking out against the damage being done to our education is our right. My toes hurt from walking and standing for so long, but it was worth it.

November weather

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Average high	6.2	43.1
Average low	-1.0	31.0
Average for the month	2.6	36.6
Average for last Nov.	.1	32.0
Highest temp. (Nov. 23)	16.0	60.8
Lowest temp. (Nov.22)	-10.0	14.0
Rain	66.8 mm	2.6 in
Snow	4.0 cm	1.5 in
Precipitation	70.4 mm	2.7 in
Precip. for last Nov.	65.8 mm	2.5 in
River Temperature	cold	
Snow on ground	0	
Snow on ground Last Nov.	3.0 cm	1.1 in
Total snowfall Nov.1 to 30	4.0 cm	1.5 in
Days mostly sunny	2	
Days with snow or rain	14	

November is history now but most people remember it as a very mild month, fairly dry, especially the first third of the month. Quite heavy rain started November 10 and 11. The rest were showers and light rain. At least there was more than in October. There was very little snow, only four cm on the 17th. The average temperature was much higher than normal.

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Special designations proposed for area natural features in Lands for Life document

The following is the conclusion of the Haliburton County Advisory Committee for the Environment's report to county council on the recently released Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Lands for Life recommendations. The report was tabled at last month's council meeting and accepted by the councillors. This portion of the report deals with land use designations within the Lands for Life plan and identifies the seven areas within the district for which specific recommendations have been made:

The Seven Recommended Land Use Designations

Lands for Life is a restricted plan - all activities are acceptable except those identified as restricted. The designations cover a spectrum from protection to multiple use:

New provincial parks: Depending on park classification and with a few exceptions, commercial resource uses are not allowed. Recommended changes: more hunting, more snowmobiling and to allow existing camps to stay in parks indefinitely.

New conservation reserves: Forestry, mining, new hydro development, new seasonal residences, recreation camps and new access roads are not allowed in conservation reserves although the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence recommended that mineral exploration be allowed where compatible with reserve values. Existing use by snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles and compatible new uses may be continued

Stewardship reserves: Natural heritage and special landscape protection are the principle use. Either forest management or mining or both (Great Lakes-St. Lawrence recommendation) would be allowed, but only under conditions ensuring no impairment of the natural values. Angling, hunting and snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle use are the recreational uses encouraged.

Enhanced management areas: These areas have sub-designations which represent the special features or values for which they will be managed: natural heritage, wildlife, remote access, wildlands recreation and resource-based tourism. Angling, hunting and snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle use are the recreational uses encouraged although off-trail snowmobiling and all-terrain vehicle use would be generally discouraged in areas designated for resource-based tourism and wildlands recreation. Forestry, mining and new hydro development may be subject to conditions that would ensure no impairment of the natural values. Community stewardship of some of these areas would be encouraged. In areas with a sub-designation of remote access, both aggregate extraction and forest management will be allowed without special conditions.

Heritage waterways: Forestry, mining and new hydro development may be subject to conditions that would ensure no impairment of the natural values that make the waterway special. Community stewardship of these corridors would be encouraged. Angling, hunting and snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle use are the recreational uses encouraged as are existing seasonal residences and recreation camps.

Great Lakes heritage coastlines: work on developing policies for this designation was not completed.

General Use Areas: A full range of resource and recreational uses would be allowed in general use areas. Significant heritage values would still be protected and land and resources would still be managed as required by various pieces of legislation and policies. Angling, hunting and snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle use are the recreational uses encouraged

New Designations in Haliburton County & area

Of the seven land use designations, five apply to the County of Haliburton: Provincial Parks, Conservation Reserves, Enhanced Management Areas, Heritage Waterways and General Use Areas. Note: Enhanced Management Areas have further subdesignations depending on the "special features" or "values" that were used in their identification. All of the Enhanced Management Areas in the proximity of Haliburton County are subdesignated as "remote access". This appears to be the most lax subdesignation and the differences between these areas and General Use Areas cannot yet be determined.

Proposed Additions Possibly Affecting the County of Haliburton

Provincial Park: Lowrie Lake, natural environmental park addition to Silent Lake Provincial Park mineral assessment to be undertaken: Known for it's peaceful and popular camping and hiking experiences, Silent Lake Provincial Park, about 20 km southwest of Bancroft, also protects natural heritage in several Nature Reserve zones. The Lowrie Lake natural heritage area would build on this network of protected spaces in the area. This site includes mature hardwood forests of sugar maple, yellow birch and hemlock over marble, as well as rich marble-based wetlands. The ravine and ridge landscape and the calcium-rich seepage running through the site create the right ecological conditions for the exceptionally rare plants and animals. The 390 ha Crown natural heritage area is the largest part of a 480 ha natural heritage area.

Dalton Digby Wildlands: Natural environment park; need to confirm mineral potential upon which designation depends: This large Crown land tract stretches between Minden and the northern tip of Victoria County. It is the most diverse and least disturbed natural area in Site District 5E-8, and includes more than 50 landform-vegetation patterns. There has been limited or no recent history of logging in the area. It is largely an environment of rock barrens, a feature common at the south end of the Site District, but not found in many other parts of 5E-8. It has mostly a low rolling topography, which includes organic soils, flat sandy deposits, bare bedrock plain and bare bedrock uplands with shallow soil patches mixed in. There is an interesting old stand of black ash in one of the wetlands. The Crown land portion of this natural heritage area is more than 24,000 ha.

Conservation Reserves, Little Bob Lake: special study area - decision deferred, confirm alternative in Dalton Digby site: This small site is about 10km southwest of Minden, near the eastern edge of the Dalton-Digby Wildlands candidate area. The roughly 10 ha. of Crown supports poplar forest on hilly bare rock uplands. The Crown portion is a small part of a larger natural heritage area (120ha) that includes sugar maple, red oak and other forest types.

Dividing Lake: special study area - decision deferred, old pine within nature reserve, north has been cut, need to confirm values: The Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve protects a spectacular old growth pine and hardwood forest on the southwest edge of Algonquin Park. There area large old sugar maple and beech trees mingling with white pines that are 35 metres high and 100cm wide. This type of forest, once common across this part of the province, is now quite rare. Canoeists gain access to the site through an Algonquin park canoe route. This proposed site (about 250 ha) would adjust and build the boundaries of the existing nature Reserve. The more ecologically meaningful boundaries, following natural features and contours, would focus on and protect the old growth forest features. Forest management issues in the bigger area are around loss of wood supply.

Sprat Lake: special study area - decision deferred: Located roughly 15 km east of Baysville, Sprat Lake has sugar maple growing on hilly uplands with sandy till deposits and bare bedrock outcrops. There are three combinations of vegetation and landforms here. This Crown land natural heritage area is roughly 1400 ha.

Dawson Pond: Plastic lake drainage basin; permit acid rain research activities: Shallow, bog-rimmed

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The long road from inspiration to reality

So you've thought up the perfect invention that will revolutionize the world. Now what do you do?

An inventors workshop, sponsored by the Haliburton County Development Corporation last week, helped answer some of those question about patents, idea marketing and intellectual property.

About 15 local inventors gathered at the workshop to learn more about the process of patenting and marketing an invention and whether or not the idea is feasible. Andy Campbell of the Haliburton County Development Corporation noted that the HCDC received many calls from local people who have an idea, but know little of the steps involved in introducing a new product into the market place.

Jim Gastle, of Lakefield Invention Services addressed the group on the intricacies of patents. As a patent agent in both the USA and Canada, Gastle helps inventors work through the many steps to have an invention patented. "Patents are a strange beast for the best of us," said Gastle, who is not only an agent, but an inventor himself.

He stressed that one of the biggest hurdles of inventors is trust. "How does an inventor trust who he or she can tell without worrying about having their idea stolen? The trick is to find the person who will attach the greatest value to your idea," said Gastle. He did note that security is not an issue when dealing with a patent agent. "Confidentiality to a patent agent is like a dirty surgical knife to surgeon. He isn't going to stay in business long if he infects his patients," he said.

Generally Gastle said that he recommends most inventors begin the patent process in the United States where the patent applications get to the review process sooner and the procedure tends to be more rigorous. The cost is generally around $5,000 to $6,000. Once the patent is applied for, it receives "patent pending" status and the inventor has one year to reach the final patent. Any international patents must be applied for in that first year. The patent process is long and can be arduous if problems arise with documentation or patent infringement.

In the end a patent can cost up to $10,000 which is a hefty price for an independent inventor but reasonable for a large manufacturing company. Gastle stated that if financing is a problem, licensing the idea to a larger company can be much more economical. "At the end of the day you have to balance a lot of risks before you start the patent process," said Gastle.

Gastle recommended several books and information sources that may be of help to any inventor to be. He suggested that, *Patent Your Own Invention in Canada* by Sheldon Burshtein and *How To License Your Million Dollar Idea - Everything You Need to Know To Make Money From Your New Product Idea* by Harvey Reese were excellent reference books for the new inventor. As well, Gastle suggested that patent searches could be done on the internet at the IBM patent site (http://www.patents.ibm.com), and the US Patent office (http://www.usptu.gov).

Also speaking at the workshop was Gary Svoboda, the vice president of marketing programs at the Canadian Innovation Centre. The centre is based in Waterloo and is a non-profit, private company, funded in part by Industry Canada. It can be found on the net at: (http://www.innovationcentre.ca).

The Innovation Centre deals with around 6,000 inventors each year. Although thousands of inventors go through the centre, 80 per cent are advised not to proceed due to feasibility problems, or just plain dumb ideas. Svoboda warned the audience that inventors should not get too attached to their ideas. "Inventions are like giving birth. They are conceived in inspiration and passion, you nurture it and watch it become successful and if you are lucky it will support you in old age. Unfortunately I am in the business of telling people that their babies are ugly," said Svoboda.

Svoboda noted that inventors are usually experts in a particular field, hobby or interest and that is where they find the inspiration for their inventions. He said what inventors need to work on is their entrepreneurial skills. The Innovation Centre helps inventors create business plans, review the possible markets and test the item's feasibility. The most popular and successful invention to come out of the centre is the Abdominizer, an exercise aid to help build up the abdominal muscles while doing sit ups. The idea was a simple one that appealed to a universal market, according to Svoboda. Now the Abdominzer sells 140 million units a year and has netted the inventor seven million dollars.

Svoboda stressed that inventions must be honed and perfected over time and can take two to three years before the product reaches the marketing stage. Both Gastle and Svoboda emphasized that inventors must make some serious decisions on their product before they begin to undertake the process of investing, marketing and patenting their ideas.

Toy and food drive on for next Tuesday

Watch out for the flashing red ligts. Members of the Minden Volunteer Fire Fighters and Police Association will be conducting the annual Food and Toy Drive in Minden on the evening of Tuesday, December 15. Gifts and donations will go to the Canadian Sunday School Mission's Christmas Baskets and to the Minden Food Bank.

Please leave your outside light on if you wish to make a donation.

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Bake sales

There are many things in this country that need our sympathetic attention before we start handing out goodies to professional sports teams. A recent report from a federal government committee suggests that these organization need and/or deserve some form of tax break to help them survive and compete against their well-heeled counterparts in the United States. While professional sports provide an entertaining distraction for many people, they in no way qualify as some vital segment of society or the economy that requires special protection. This is especially true in light of a recent declaration from the mayors of Canada's largest cities that homelessness is a national crisis, when the universality of our health care system is thrown into question and education at all levels is under attack because of slashes in federal and provincial support. After looking after these important segments of our society, and if there are extra funds to hand out, we think the community and the country would get a better return if the money were used to encourage amateur sports or personal fitness. Canadians would be a lot better off if they spent less time watching sports and more time being active in them. Let the professional teams hold a bake sale, like the local groups must do, to remain viable.

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Letters

Correcting some misconceptions

Editor:

This letter is to correct some misconceptions contained in last week's letters with respect to Greg Austin.

Although Mr. Austin's victims are united in wanting to make sure that he does not hurt another little girl and her family I gave none of their names to any person or agency. We have monitored the extensive coverage of this matter, and the media has also respected the privacy of these young victims and has not named any of them.

The graphic descriptions of Mr. Austin's crimes published in the papers did not come from me. Anyone, including the media, can obtain information about any convict by calling a toll-free number. I do not know how the various reporters carried out their assignments.

The proper authorities have acted to the full extent available to them under the law. The fact remains that as late as November 16, just four days before his release from prison, we received a package, by Purolator, from the Parole Board saying that he had indicated in all likelihood that he would be returning to the Minden area.

The statement that all sex offenders sign a section 810.01 undertaking upon their release is false. Each case requires a special application to the court. These applications are difficult and rarely granted, but in Mr. Austin's case, the local police were successful.

Mr. Austin stated that he served his full sentence to satisfy his victims. If he was sincere or remorseful he could have sought or accepted treatment in prison. Although he has completed his six year sentence, his victims are still serving their life sentences.

Information received from the Parole Board about Mr. Austin was the initial focus of our efforts, but the scope quickly widened. The shocking fact is that almost 500 convicted sex offenders are released each year into neighbourhoods that have no knowledge of the dangers they face.

I believe very strongly that we can do something to correct this problem if we only work together. I'm trying to keep my children and all children safe from a growing problem.

Jane Cooper,
Minden

Enough

Editor:

Re: the letter of Bob Austin "Enough is Enough"

Having read this letter I feel compelled to comment on the phrase, "enough is enough"! Since it refers to the actions taken by Jane Cooper I think it is only fair to enlighten the community on some of her motives.

An aunt and uncle of Jane's are very good friends of mine so I believe I am qualified to comment. Her aunt and uncle were loving and supportive parents of twelve children. Her uncle, who passed away three weeks ago, was one of a family of seventeen. His family was very close and protective of each other. Their musical abilities were legend in their community and would rival or surpass those of the Leahy family of Lakefield. They were members of a large farming community and legendary in their contributions to that community. One of their children was a beautiful young boy of twelve years of age when he was abducted and "used" by a vicious pedophile who was on an unescorted pass from prison in 1973. The abuse went on for three days and nights after which he was left abandoned, naked, in a wooded area. He crawled to a roadway and was found in the ditch. The pedophile was arrested and subsequently tried and exhibited absolutely no remorse! After being found guilty and while being removed from the courtroom he advised the family that he knew who they were and where they lived and someday that they would pay for what they did to him!

The victim is still affected daily by the mental and physical ordeal he was subjected to by a still unrepentant pedophile. My question therefore is simple. When does the phrase "Enough is Enough" apply to victims or their families?

Mike Maher,
Minden

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No sympathy

Editor:

In response to 'Enough is Enough', 'Never intended to return', 'Trying to dispel fears' and 'Allow the man to get the treatment he needs' *(letters November 30)*. I am absolutely flabbergasted that any of the Austin family would even consider the slightest possibility that they would render some sort of "sympathy" for their son, Mr. Greg Austin. A convicted, unrepentant multiple sex offender of children...

Yes, it is true the Austins must be absolutely mortified. Accepting the fact that not only is Greg their son, but they raised him. The reasons behind these letters in my opinion are a feeble attempt to clear their name, so they can hold their heads up. This I believe has backfired. They have only brought more attention and caused more disgust. Why would they appeal to the public for any kindness to be directed to Greg Austin? What kindness did Austin show his victims? How did he attempt to give back innocence stripped from the children? The Austin's must be pretty selfish, embarrassed and desperate to have written all of these letter in an attempt to counteract all the bad publicity their family name has had. I am sure these are not feelings for Greg, just their own. Hey, if they had feelings for him, ask how many times they visited him in prison? You'd be amazed at how many of the letter authors never went. Not once.

Mrs. Cooper's name appears in all the articles in protection of the victims. She was their elected spokesperson. Many times it was referred to as the "group". Not once has a victim's name been mentioned. I have monitored all news coverage on this from one end of the country to the other.

My relationship to this group was as a researcher/investigator. I supplied the group with an abundance of information. Sex Offender Registry examples, documents, contacts and survey data. My driving force was never a "Greg Austin" issue, nor Jane Cooper's "ob-

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A taste of the shame

Editor:

Finally, maybe, a perpetrator seems to have experienced a small taste of the intrusion, shaming, terror, depersonalization etc. that scar survivors of sexual abuse.

If Mr. Austin and his family were serious about protecting his victims and himself, they would have intervened long ago to prevent victimization of all concerned. Their tirade against the courage and determination of Ms. Cooper is an all too familiar (although feeble) attempt to silence the truth and perpetuate the cycle of abuse. We all have known of situations where "everybody knows" of an abuser, but no one is able to speak out. Those letters are a shining example of why it is difficult to be the whistle blower.

Claire Sylvan,
Haliburton

Dump meeting

Editor:

I'm writing to advise you and your readers that the County of Victoria will be holding a public meeting on December 8, 1998 at the Ops Community

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Arthur Black

Sportscasters' delight

This is probably the toughest time of year for the dedicated non-sports fan. The football season is in full campaign with the Grey Cup and the Vanier Cup just fading in the rear-view mirror and the never-ending "Bowls" (Rose, Gator, Orange, Hula, etcetera) just over the horizon. The National Hockey League season is grinding through its interminable season — and tennis, golf and car racing we have with us always.

You might infer, from the snide tone of the above, that I am not a major sports fan. Untrue. I am a passionate follower of a particular sector of the Sports Business that overlaps all venues.

The Play By Play Announcers Blooper Invitational.

I collect classic sports announcer boners — and there's a fruitful orchard in which to do my plucking.

My favourite so far this year: Last spring, Larry Frattare broke into his broadcast coverage of a Pittsburgh Pirates game to lament the untimely death of the great black actor James Earl Jones.

"I thought he was just tremendous in (the baseball film) 'Field of Dreams'" Frattare intoned. "We're going to miss him."

Frattare's eulogy was premature. James Earl Jones was — and is — alive and well. The chap who died was white racist James Earl Ray, the assassin of Martin Luther King.

Oh, well. All those James Earls look alike anyway.

Foot In Mouth disease is not an affliction restricted to sports announcers south of the border. Frank Selke Jr., once had his moment of truth in a between-periods interview with a young fan during a Canadiens-Ranger hockey game.

"Did you have a nice Christmas?" Selke asked the youngster.

"No"

"Why not?" Selke persisted.

"I'm Jewish" the lad explained.

Curt Gowdy got into hot — or at least deep — water while broadcasting an AFL All Star game a few years back. The football field had been deluged with rain prior to the game, leaving huge puddles everywhere. "If there's a big pileup out there" observed Gowdy, "they'll have to give some players artificial insemination."

Sports broadcaster Jerry Coleman was interviewing the wife of a famous baseball player during a Yankees/ Baltimore game about the hardships of being a Baseball Wife.

"When he's on the road I have to take care of everything. I'm pretty much the man of the family" said the woman.

"Ah," said Coleman, "so you have to wear the pants in the family."

"That's right" the wife agreed, "but when he comes home I take them off."

And I'm sure Jim McKay of ABC's Wide World of Sports would like to have a second chance at covering the World Barrel Jumping Championships of 1986. "Leo Lebel has been competing with a pulled stomach muscle" McKay told TV watchers. "He's showing a lot of guts."

Then there was the fellow covering a PGA Golf Classic as Billy Casper approached the tee. "Billy, usually an expert putter, seems to be having difficulty with his long putts" he murmured into the microphone, adding thoughtfully "However he has no trouble dropping his shorts".

Sportscaster Chris Schenkel must still wince whenever he recalls his remark during a Honolulu football game. As the TV camera lingered on a particularly fetching blonde in the stands, Schenkel turned to his co-anchor saying "Bud, isn't that the young lady who gave us a lei before the game?"

My all-time favourite? I heard it on a live, national TV football broadcast about fifteen years ago. The sportscaster, who shall remain mercifully nameless, was covering the last dramatic seconds of the fourth quarter. His play by play went like this:

"He's fading back to pass...he's going deep...IT'S INTERCEPTED ON THE 30-YARD LINE! Mullins has the ball...he's to the 40...he crosses midfield...Now he's at the 50...the 40...he dodges a tackle...He's running well...To the 30...the 20....LOOKIT THAT SONNOVABITCH RUN!"

It is perhaps unfair to hold sports announcers up to the same standards as say, Lloyd Robertson or Peter Mansbridge. Sports commentators aren't hired for their knowledge of current events.

As a football quarterback-turned-commentator so eloquently put it:

"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

Hats off to Jane

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session". My strength came from doing what was right. Austin, Homolka, Bernardo, who ever! Praise God that Jane did what she did. Praise God that she protected the victims too. Jane is a very humble, determined and selfless woman, and I consider myself fortunate to know her.

Greg Austin's lie about refusing to be released...what an insult to anyone's intelligence that would even believe one iota of what he said! Come on now people, get real! It would be a controversial issue if there wasn't supporting evidence, and documentation stating otherwise. so I won't bother to pick apart his letter. It's all lies.

In closing, I hope that this entire ordeal has opened the eyes of the public, has encouraged them to step forward and demand the "Public Sex Offender Registry", and has educated parents, teachers and care givers to have a watchful eye over their precious children. And one more thing. Take their hats off to Jane. Job well done kiddo!

Teresa Prato,
Whitby

Courage to tackle this issue

Editor:

Having read the letters stating that Greg Austin deserves a second chance etc. and that Jane Cooper is obsessed with this case. I would like to give my opinion on the matter.

Mr. Austin's pending release may originally have given Ms. Cooper the reason to start her actions, but these do not centre on Mr. Austin. Her reason for doing this tremendous amount of work is to ensure our children's safety. If keeping our children safe means that convicted child molesters have to register with the police wherever they go, so be it.

Instead of complaining about harassment of Mr. Austin, we should be thankful that people like Ms. Cooper have the courage to tackle this matter. We should think more about the (young) victims, and less about convicted molesters, especially those who are unrepentant and refuse treatment.

In Mr. Austin's case, his intentions would be much less suspect if he had sought rather than refused all treatment while in prison, instead of entering a program on his release, as had been asserted by his mother.

I have great compassion for Mr. Austin's family members and can well understand that they are terribly upset. They should be praised for supporting Mr. Austin. However, we should not underestimate the importance of Ms. Cooper's work. She has attracted much attention for her cause from MPP's, MP's, newspapers, radio, and of course, the public. It takes a long time and a lot of work to change laws.

At the request of the author and concurrence of the editor,the name has been withheld.

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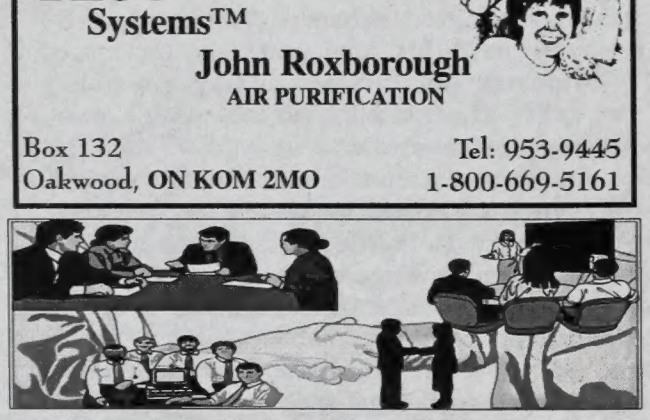

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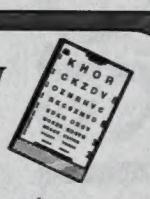

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Monarchs reign supreme in Peewee Tournament

Eight Peewee A hockey teams converged at the Minden Arena on November 28 to battle it out for the bragging rights in the annual Minden Peewee A Hockey Tournament. The seven teams besides the Minden Monarchs included Beaverton, Manvers, Omemee, St. James (Peterborough), Otonabee, Bracebridge and Almaguin (a combined team from the Sundridge, Burks Falls, South River area).

When the ice crystals settled after the championship game, the host Monarchs reigned supreme.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPS: Minden's Peewee A Monarchs won the A Division championship at the Peewee Hockey Tournament in Minden on November 28. Pictured above, left to right, are: Ryan Cole, Matt Allore, Benji Saunders, Darryl Arbour, David Petch, Evan Kernohan, Lance Aggett, Kevin Walker, Philip Greer, Kolt Smith and Shaun Chapman. Coach Dave Chapman is standing behind his team. Absent: Assistant Coach Julie Petch and Trainer Terry Allore.

First game a squeaker

Minden and Beaverton faced off in the tournament opener at 8 a.m.

After a scoreless first period, during which both teams played well defensively, the middle frame looked destined to end the same way. But with only a few seconds left on the clock, Kevin Walker and Kolt Smith got a two-on-one break. Smith opted to take the shot from just inside the blue line, surprising the Beaverton goaltender, who was obviously expecting a pass to Walker and the shot from Walker's side of the ice. The puck went between the legs of the moving goalie, just as the buzzer sounded.

The defensive play continued throughout the third period and the Monarchs preserved that one goal margin for the win. Walker picked up the assist on the game winner. Ryan Cole recorded the shutout between the Minden pipes.

That initial win put the Monarchs in the tournament's A/B round.

Cole earns second shutout

Minden's next opponent was St. James, a church team from Peterborough. The opening faceoff of that game was at 1 p.m.

Benji Saunders opened the scoring for the Monarchs, assisted by Philip Greer. Two minutes later, Evan Kernohan scored to make it 2-0. Shaun Chapman and Kevin Walker set that one up.

The middle frame was a defensive battle, with neither team able to solve the opposing netminder. After two periods, Minden remained in front by a 2-0 count.

Kernohan added one more in the third period, from Matt Allore and Lance Aggett as the Monarchs cruised to a 3-0 victory, the second shutout in a row for Minden goalie Ryan Cole.

The win advanced the Monarchs to the A division championship.

Walker paces Minden attack

The overall tournament championship game pitted Minden against a team called Almaguin, which drew players from an area including South River, Burks Falls and Sundridge.

The opening faceoff for the top two teams of the tournament was at about 7:45, making it a long day for both teams. Neither team showed signs of fatigue as they got down to the business of deciding which squad would triumph. The hockey fans knew from the start that they would be in for some exciting action.

Minden drew first blood, with Evan Kernohan finding the mark midway through the first period. Kevin Walker assisted.

Almaguin tied the game 30 seconds into the second and went ahead 2-1 three minutes later. But that goal marked the last of the game for the Almaguin squad.

Kevin Walker seemed to make it his mission to win this game for the Minden team. Before it ended, he had scored three consecutive goals, two unassisted and one with the help of captain Evan Kernohan, to give the Monarchs the 4-2 championship victory.

"I'm proud of them all," said Monarchs' coach Dave Chapman. "Many thanks to the parent of these boys for the help they gave me as well as those who supplied prizes for raffles and donations."

Among the businesses that supporter the tournament were: Minden Home Hardware, Homestead Carpet, North Face Country Homes (Haliburton), Kawartha Dairy, Godfather's Pizza, Mr. D's Restaurant and Westside Jug City.

Minden downs Omemee 11-3

Sean Keaney, Darrin Brown notch hat tricks

While the Atom A Monarchs gained momentum with each period, the offense of the opposition team from Omemee remained constant. The game was played in Minden on November 21 and the Monarchs skated to an 11-3 victory over the visitors.

Minden outscored Omemee 2-1 in the first period, 4-1 in the second and 5-1 in the third.

Sean Keaney and Darrin Brown each scored a hat trick for the Monarchs. Brown also picked up a pair of assists. Andrew Bull notched two goals and four assists. Single markers went to Travis Walker, Cody Mills and Mark Fisher. Walker and Mills each picked up three assists while Fisher had one helper. Gavin Hicks and Cody Smith also contributed one assist each to the win.

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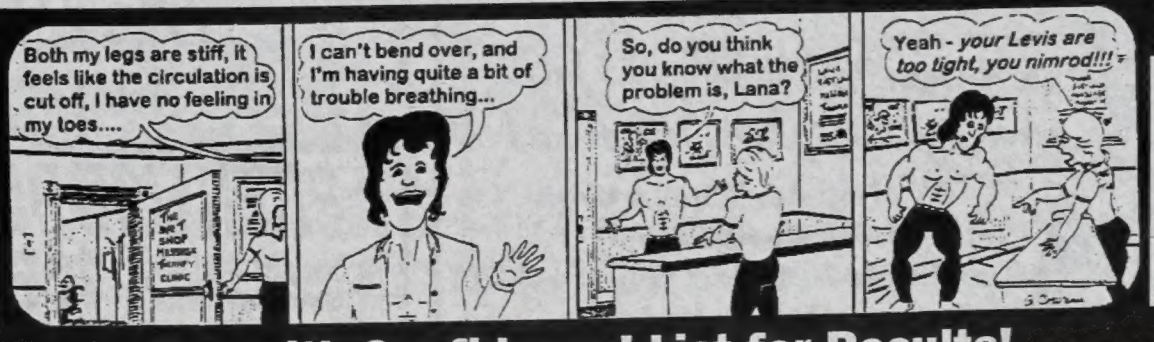

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Spirited competition, social surroundings

by Sandy Cole

The game of curling is played on an ice surface, between two teams of four players each. Each player delivers two rocks the length of the ice surface, alternately with their opponent, at a target or "house" painted on the ice. When all rocks have been played, the score is determined as a result of the rock's relative positioning, and the appropriate score is posted. This is called an "end" and most games consist of eight or ten ends of play and last between two and two and a half hours. Curling is played during the winter months from October to April, at various levels. Thousands of recreational leagues are organized across the country, allowing the young and the rest of us, to enjoy spirited competition within social surroundings.

Curling is an enjoyable sport, loaded with tradition. It combines an important physical fitness element with many social activities. Mass participation in curling is encouraged, as an increased number of curlers enhances the social aspect of the game.

Bonspiels are full of fun, with theme nights, dances and parties but still provide an opportunity for those who are more competitive. There are many competitive events for juniors, men's, and women's teams that lead to provincial, national and international championships. They are viewed by millions of people on television each year.

This year the Minden Club has the distinct pleasure of holding the Men's and Ladies' Junior Provincial Championships from Tuesday, January 5 to Sunday, January 10. The only way to see these great young competitors in action is to visit the club, as this event is not televised. There is no admission charge and spectators are most welcome. Free programs will be available at the club or local retail outlets. So come to the club each day, cheer on the teams and enjoy home made meals and hospitality.

League Scores November 23, 27:

Monday Night Ladies
Cheryl Murdoch 4, Dianne Whitmarsh 3
Pat Woodcroft 8, Melanie Vigrass 2
Zelda Cooper 6, Ruby Wilkes 3

Tuesday Night Men's
Bill Bonner 9, Bill Roodenburg 1
Ted Wilkes 13, Ross Davies 8
Dwight Thomas 6, Paul Prentice 4
Alf Trotter 10, Dave McAdam 8

Thursday Night Mixed
Mike Whitmarsh 14, Melanie Vigrass 3
Cheryl Murdoch 10, Sharon Kernohan 5
Dan Garbutt 7, Ted Wilkes 3
Pat Woodcroft 5, Dianne Whitmarsh 5

Friday Night Mixed
Ed Cyr 13, Brian Cross 2
Bill Roodenburg 8, Zelda Cooper 4
Paul Prentice 11, Cheryl Murdoch 5
Mike Whitmarsh 6, Dianne Whitmarsh 5

Don't believe the warm weather forecast!

Get ready for cross country skiing season

Nordic Notes
by Blake Paton

There was an ugly rumour out of Environment Canada this week that there will be an extended mild spell before snow sets in. This is almost certainly false. The same forecasters who claim they have been wrong for the past three months now claim they've suddenly got it right? Not likely.

There is a method that can ensure a delightfully snowy winter: superstitious ritual. It'snever too early to begin chanting, cavorting and dancing to bring snow to the trails. It's got to be at least as reliable as the long-range weather forecasts this year, and it's less technical.

Although the weather seems not to be co-operating at the time of this writing, there is the matter of ski club memberships to be dealt with. If you missed the annual membership meeting for the Haliburton Highlands Cross-Country Ski Club, don't delay getting your membership for even one more day. The Early Bird draw will take place on December 18th this year, so don't get shut out of the running. Only club members in good standing qualify!

This year, prizes have been generously donated by: Great Green Meadow, Bonnie View Inn, Minden Photo Solutions, Minden IDA Pharmacy, Rachel's Bakery, Cranberry Cottage, Bishop and Rogers and Mingles Restaurant. Remember, your ski club membership is still the best recreational value in the free world. Contact Margaret Brogden at 754-2351 for details. New members are particularly welcome.

Meanwhile, the warm weather has provided an opportunity to get work done on the trails. Extra lights, new signs and smoother trails await skiers when the white stuff comes down, so stay tuned to this column for more details.

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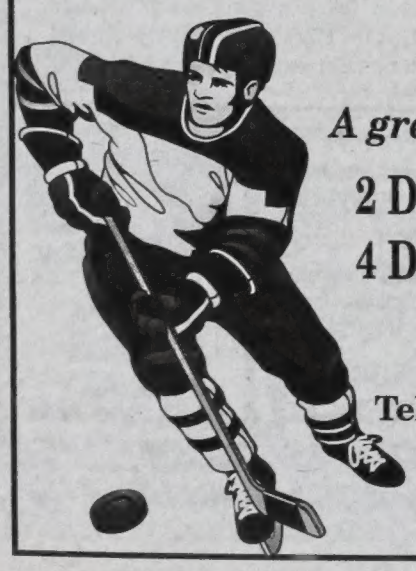

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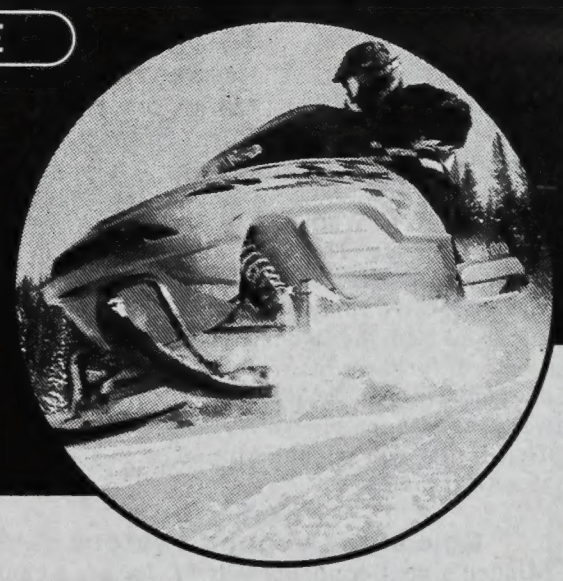

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Novice B Monarchs 2,3 and 1 in four games

Three games in one week resulted in a pair of wins for the Minden Novice B Monarchs. An earlier game ended in a tie.

Decided in final seconds

The first of the three games was in Minden against Wilberforce. It was a close game that was decided with just 19 seconds remaining in the game.

Both teams took turns challenging the other's goaltender in the early stages of the game. It wasn't until midway through the opening period that the scoreless tie was broken and Wilberforce was first on the scoreboard.

Three minutes later, Derek Nesbitt found an open corner, scoring Minden's first goal to tie the game. Davis Reynolds and Jared Mills assisted.

Minden's defensive unit of goalie Mike Toye and defensemen Stephen Roome, Dan Walker and Todd Simms managed to hold off every Wilberforce attempt to break the tie. Their Wilberforce counterparts were equally efficient, resulting in a scoreless middle frame.

One minute into the third period, Wilberforce managed to break through the Minden defence, and the visitors were up by a 2-1 count.

Moments later, Nesbitt beat the Wilberforce netminder and the game was knotted at 2-2. Todd Simms assisted.

The game was within 19 seconds of ending in a tie when Wilberforce's persistence paid off and the visitors scored to win the hard fought contest.

Third period stand

Minden's second game of the week was another close one that was up for grabs until late in the third period.

The game was in Bobcaygeon, against the Cougars.

The two teams were evenly matched for talent, so it was expected to be a close match.

In the first period, both teams tried unsuccessfully to get through the other's defense, until, finally Derek Nesbitt managed to be in the right place to fire home a shot. The Minden goal was assisted by Ryan Kerr and the Monarchs took a 1-0 lead into the second period.

The middle frame was much the same as the first, except that it was Bobcaygeon scoring the only goal, sending the two teams into the final period tied at 1-1.

Early in the third it became obvious the Monarchs wouldn't be content to settle for a tie. Two minutes after the period's opening faceoff, Kerr beat the 'Caygeon goalie with a well-aimed backhand. John Murray and Derek Nesbitt set up the go-ahead goal.

The Cougars tried to respond, but Minden netminder Mike Toye stopped everything they could throw at him. Then, half way into the third, Nesbitt scored an insurance goal, with the assist going to Colin Callaghan. The Monarchs earned the 3-1 win.

Rally cut short

A home game against Mariposa on December 1 saw the Monarchs dominate the visitors for the first and second periods, playing strong positional hockey. But Mariposa came on strong in the third period, forcing the Monarchs to regroup when their 4-1 lead evaporated.

Monarch snipers Derek Nesbitt and Colin Callaghan notched a goal each in the first period. They were assisted by Davis Reynolds and John Murray, respectively.

Nesbitt added to the 2-0 lead with two goals in the second period. Jared Mills and Dan Walker drew assists.

Mariposa finally got on the scoreboard with seven seconds left in the period. After two frames, the Monarchs enjoyed a 4-1 advantage.

The visitors didn't allow the Monarchs to savour the three-goal lead for long. They came alive in the third period, buoyed by the goal late in the previous period. In a five-minute span, Mariposa scored three times and Minden's lead had vanished.

Unfazed by the turn of events, the Monarchs responded to the challenge, scoring two more to grab a 6-4 win. Todd Simms and Stephen Roome picked up assists.

Callaghan, Nesbitt score hat tricks

Back on November 21, the Novice B Monarchs found themselves down two goals at the end of the first period of a game in Fenelon Falls. But the Monarchs were able to overcome the deficit in the second period, outscoring the host Flyers 4-1 to take a 4-3 lead into the third frame.

Colin Callaghan was Minden's top sharpshooter in the second period, earning himself a hat trick. Derek Nesbitt was the other second-period sniper.

Five goals were netted in the third period, with the Flyers edging Minden 3-2 to salvage a 6-6 tie.

Derek Nesbitt scored both of Minden's third-period markers to pick up a hat trick for his effort.

Monarchs win rematch against 'Caygeon

Bobcaygeon's Atom B Cougars came to Minden on November 21 to challenge the Monarchs. The Cougars were looking to avenge a loss (by a single goal) to the Monarchs in their previous match.

It was Travis Walker of the Monarchs who got the scoring started, early in the game. Cody Mills assisted.

Before the first period ended, the Cougars managed to get one past Minden goalie Jacob Crowe, tying the game.

Minden took the lead again in the middle stanza, when Mills scored, converting a pass from Walker.

In the dying seconds of the period, the Cougars got control of the puck in the Minden end and with just one second showing on the clock, knotted the game once again.

The third period belonged to the Monarchs. They took control, scoring three times, while putting a leash on the Cougars, keeping them from adding to the visitors' side of the scoreboard. The final score was 5-2 in favour of the Monarchs.

Tyler Anderson notched what proved to be the winning goal. It was his first of the season and he made it count. Mackie Campbell assisted. Travis Walker added two insurance markers, racking up a hat trick in the process. Mills notched his third point of the game with an assist on the last goal of the game.

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ASA will be up and running by late 1999

The process leading up to the formation of the Algonquin Snowmobile Alliance (ASA) was described as an emotional roller coaster by the Alliance's new president, Brian Bates.

"I'm optimistic about the future of the Alliance," Bates told a gathering of snowmobile enthusiasts at PineStone Conference Centre on November 26. The occasion was the official announcement of the formation of the Alliance.

Victoria-Haliburton-Brock MP John O'Reilly and Larry McCormick, the MP for Hastings - Frontenac - Lennox - Addington attended the meeting to present a cheque in the amount of $50.000 to the new Alliance. The funds are earmarked for a consultant to develop a business plan and strategy.

Steve Berry is the president of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA), the largest of the four clubs in the Alliance. He says he sees the four-club Alliance as a very positive step.

"In the future, government and OFSC (Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs) funding won't go to individual clubs," Berry said. "One of the main purposes of the Alliance is to secure funding."

Berry said another reason for the Alliance is to share support, ideas and equipment and co-op advertising, among other things. It will also result in better opportunities for marketing. One of the first changes snowmobilers will notice will be standardized signs throughout the ASA's combined trail system.

"The amalgamation combines the strengths of the four individual clubs," he said. "We're all very similar."

The other three clubs in the Alliance include the Paudash Trail Blazers,

(more on page 16)

$50,000 GRANT: The new Algonquin Snowmobile Alliance was presented with $50,000 from the federal government to help offset start-up costs. MPs Larry McCormick and John O'Reilly first and second from left, present the check to ASA president Brian Bates and vice-president Larry Tupling.

HCSA recognized for years of dedication and hard work

Snowmobile Club of the Year

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, (HCSA) has been named Snowmobile Club of the Year. The surprise honour was bestowed on association president Steve Berry at the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs in North Bay.

"They caught us totally by surprise," president, Berry said. "It is a great honour to be recognized by the other supporters of the sport."

The convention brings together snowmobilers from across Ontario to help craft policy for the coming years and exchange ideas.

Berry said that while the HCSA may have received the honour this year, the award reflects many years of service by countless volunteers. "There are many reasons this award was presented to the HCSA, but the biggest one is the hard work and dedication of our members, people who love the sport and are willing to give up their own time to see the organization function and grow. To all our current volunteers and the many who have gone before, thank you. I think this award is recognition for your many years of hard work."

Members of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association pose with the trophy they received in North Bay naming the HCSA Snowmobile Club of the Year. The presentation took place at the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. Among the delegates to be on hand to receive the award were, from the left, Norm Gemmell, Larry Tupling, Wilma Gemmell, Joe Johnson, second vice president Marj Kennedy, president Steve Berry, business and administration chair Peter Overington Eileen Overington and District Six Volunteer of the Year Award recipient and HCSA membership Chair Myrlene Foster.

Asked why the HCSA was recognized this year, President Berry offered the following sampling:

• The HCSA has over 850 kilometres of groomed trails of which, over 220 kilometres serve as connecting routes in the provincial TOP Trail system.

• The HCSA trails are groomed 24 hours a day, seven days a week with some of the best equipment available.

• This past year the HCSA spent $70,000 upgrading area trails, money which is spent in the community and in the end, the benefits are returned to the community.

• The HCSA has been a part of and a firm supporter of snowmobiling for 27 years.

• HCSA members were in attendance when the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs was formed.

• During the last season the HCSA sold 3328 trail permits, for which a portion of the fee is used to support OFSC efforts.

• HCSA members have served as president and vice president of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

• HCSA membership chair Myrlene Foster was named Volunteer of the Year in District Six. Her dedication is an example of the hard work and effort the HCSA gets from all its volunteers.

• The HCSA has been at the forefront of promoting safe snowmobiling.

• HCSA members serve as volunteer trail wardens ensuring that those who are using the trails are doing so safely and are helping to pay for their upkeep by purchasing a permit.

• The HCSA donated one of five rescue sleighs to an area fire department to assist in the evacuation of injured individuals in a wilderness setting in winter.

• The HCSA maintains good relations with local governments and landowners and is the "voice of snowmobiling" when dealing with senior levels of government

"I could go on and on," President Berry said, "But there is a quick overview of what makes the HCSA so special and why, I think, we were honoured this year at the OFSC convention."

"In summary, the HCSA is efficiently and effectively run, we know what our members want--good trails, and as a result are increasing our membership. We support the OFSC and, perhaps most importantly, we are an organization run by snowmobilers for snowmobilers."

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This would include:

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Scott Moore rolls 315 in Monday Mixed League

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Leitha Kuchalema 167; Fred Knight 192
High single: Leitha Kuchalema 226; Jim Hindle 240
High single (handicap): Leitha Kuchalema 272; Jim Hindle 278
High triple: Leitha Kuchalema 563; Eric Stearns 592
High triple (handicap): Leitha Kuchalema 701; Eric Stearns 733

Monday Night mixed League

High average: Michelle Moore 199; Scott Moore 228
High single: Teresa Clement 243; Scott Moore 315
High single (POA): Teresa Clement +74; Scott Moore +91
High triple: Michelle Moore 674; Scott Moore 845
High triple (POA): Michelle Moore +83; Scott Moore +173

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors League

(November 24)
High average: Theresa Fox 184; Bob Bullen 209
High single: Jo Newton 202; Nick Boekestyn 233
High single (handicap): Nancy Moore 256; Nick Boekestyn276
High triple: Jo Newton 523; Nick Boekestyn612
High triple (handicap): Jo Newton 673; Nick Boekestyn741

Wednesday Night Men's League

High average: Scott Moore 239
High single: John Whitty 265
High single (handicap): Addie Dykstra 269
High triple: Walt Stegmaier 643
High triple (handicap): Eric Burk 673

Thursday Afternoon Seniors League

High average: Eleanor Lymer 169; Addie Dykstra 205
High single: Jo Newton 229; Ray Lymer 284
High single (handicap): Jo Newton 280; Ray Lymer 306
High triple: Jo Newton 550; Ray Lymer 661
High triple (handicap): Jo Newton 703; Ray Lymer 727

Thursday Night Mixed League

(November 26)
High average: Marlene Robinson 196; Walt Stegmaier 214
High single: Marlene Robinson 239; Doug Reinwald 328
High single (handicap): Tracey Morrison 246; Dan Chumbley 288
High triple: Marlene Robinson 625; Doug Reinwald 735
High triple (handicap): Katie Charity 634; Kal Van Skiver 806

Wesley Fagan rolls 141 single

Youth Special Olympics

Red Wolves
High average: Leslee Wood 87; Brian Bacon 111
High single: Trudy Bacon 110; Wesley Fagan 141
High single (handicap): Lisa Burk 182; Russ Snodden 192
High double: Leanne Hirstwood 376; Jason Cochrane 236
High double (handicap): Leslee Wood 401; Dustin Wicklund 397

Kelly Berry's 263 single tops Juniors

Youth Bowling Council

Smurf
High average: Bailey Cole 61; Connor Cowan 61
High single: Karen Prozak 70
High double: Karen Prozak 179

Peewee
High average: Tori Brown 111; Sean Dole 77
High single: Sarah Prozak 74; Eric Whitty 88
High double: Tori Brown 214; Sean Dole 184

Bantam
High average: Brandy Cole 104; Brad Brown 104
High single: Brandy Cole 63; Alex Philip 94
High triple: Brandy Cole 154; Dalton White 208

Junior
High average: Kelly Berry 172; Matt Reinwald 187
High single: Kelly Berry 263; Brad Mickle 252
High single (handicap): Kelly Berry 288; Kyle Burley 261
High triple: Kelly Berry 619; Brad Mickle 616
High triple (handicap): Kelly Berry 694; Brad Mickle 691

Senior
High average: Elizabeth Goldenberg 155; Trevor Clement 177
High single: Elizabeth Goldenberg 193; Trevor Clement 200
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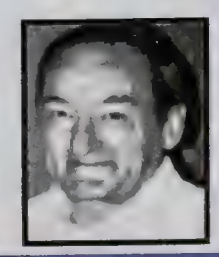

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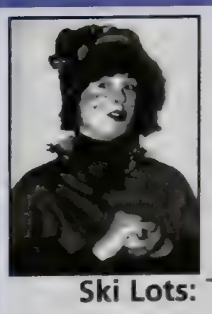

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Snowmobile Alliance gets $50,000 boost from Feds

(from page 12)

with a membership of more than 2,000, and two smaller clubs -- the Maple Leaf Snow Skimmers and the Whitney Madawaska Nighthawks (from the Maynooth area). The total membership is about 5,500. A common link for the four partners in the Alliance is their proximity to Algonquin Park, hence the reference to Algonquin in the name.

Together, the four clubs maintain 1,627 kilometres of trails.

Even though the four clubs have formed an Alliance, each will retain its own identity and control over its operations.

Berry compared the Alliance to the amalgamation of municipalities for the purpose of cost savings and more efficient use of resources.

"The Alliance will carry the four clubs into the 21st century," Berry said. "It's the way it had to go."

To elaborate, Berry said there is very little competition between clubs.

"We already have a shared system," he said. "We share equipment. There's very good co-operation."

Berry said he expects trail permits to become mandatory for everyone who operates a snowmobile, with a few possible exceptions, such as trappers. When that happens, the collection of trail permit fees will likely be centralized and the money distributed through the system to Alliances such as the ASA. He says he thinks centralized trail grooming is also going to happen in the foreseeable future.

"It might not be right away," Berry said. "But I see it in the future."

Snowmobile clubs, organizations and alliances that aren't already doing so will be forced to operate like businesses in the future and Berry said the ASA is already on that course.

The Alliance is expected to be fully operational by the winter of 1999-2000.

Brian Bates of the Paudash club is the Alliance's first president. Larry Tupling of the HCSA is the vice-president and Doris Dubblestein of the Maple Leaf club is the secretary. The Alliance also includes tourism and business representatives and will include municipal representation.

The Alliance is the brainchild of Doug and Sharon Holman. The spark was planted when they attended a function about a year and a half ago. Sharon Holman was compared to a bulldog because of her relentless determination to see the Alliance become a reality. She admitted she was a thorn in the side of many of the people who were involved in the organization process.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey commended the Alliance partners for their commitment, determination and their achievement of the goal in such a short time.

"It's taken you just 18 months. That's a hell of a lot faster than us politicians operate," he quipped.

He wished the Alliance well and offered the county's support.

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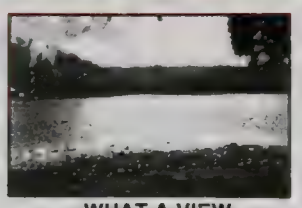

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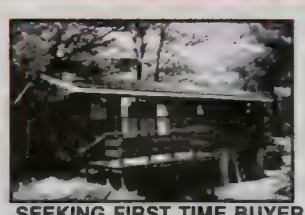

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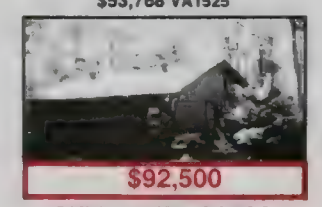

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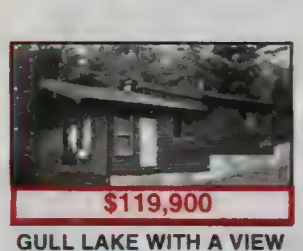

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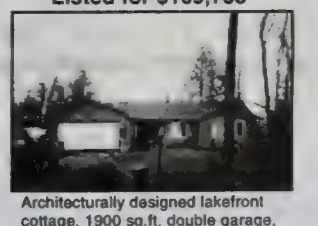

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Jon Swinson

Rememebered by his friends

by Alexis Macnab

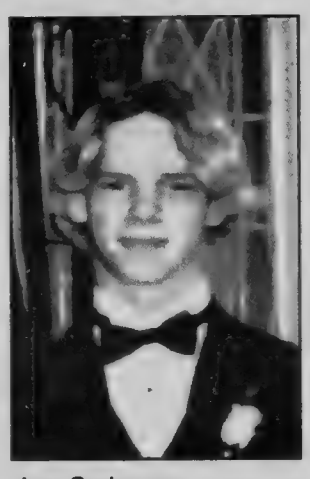
When I got to work at ten o'clock the morning of November 21st, the last thing in the world that I expected to hear was that Jon Swinson had taken his own life the night before. However, that was the news that greeted me when I walked through the door.

Since then, I've had time to deal with the fact that I'll never get to argue with John about why I should get to sit in my own seat on the bus, I'll never hear him laugh with his friends and I'll never hear anymore of his constant football and partying stories. But, I still have memories of all those times, and while memories aren't as good as the real things, they are what is left with us.

When Andrea asked me to write an article about Jon and his life, I agreed. We both thought that remembering all the good times would help everyone deal with what has happened. So, my hope is to have this article serve as a recollection of the way Jon touched us. I knew that I would never be able to capture Jon's spirit and character on my own, so I asked some friends of Jon to submit their memories of Jon, and here they are:

To Jon Swinson, my boy, brother and best friend: I don't blame you for what you did, but only ask why? I know this can't be answered, only dealt with. I remember the grease in your football jersey and the power in your fist, but also the friendship you gave me when I needed to talk. You were always there. Now you may be gone, but you will always be here to me. It's hard to deal with it every day, but you would have made me go on, so I keep myself together and take one day at a time.

~ Love Rich and the H.C. Boys



Jon Swinson

Jon has always been a friend of mine and to the Crew, and he will always be remembered. When I found out that John had passed away, I didn't know what to think, but I will always remember all the great times we had together; all the girls we tried to pick up during lunch hour. I think that it would be good to put something in the yearbook about Jon, so we will all remember him. He will always be in my mind and my soul.

~ Keith & Crew

Jon was my strength, he was my sure thing. We lived and loved together throughout the years we grew together. He was my knight in shining armour so many times. I loved him as though he were my brother and still recall all of the things we did together. Every day of my life will be a double-edged sword, one remembering our times together, the other missing him.

~ Jenny

Jon was clearly cared for and will be missed by many. One of the hardest things to deal with in a case like this is the fact that we never got to say goodbye. So, Jon, this is our "see ya later". I know, deep down, that you are in a better place, partying hard and playing football. Remembering the good times you brought will help us deal with our loss. We won't stand by your grave and cry, because in our hearts, you will never die.

Generators stolen from Haliburton Forest

The following report is a summary of events compiled by the Minden/Coboconk detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Impaired driving

On November 22, Constable Size stopped a vehicle on Highway 35 in the Village of Rosedale. The operator was arrested and has been charged with impaired operation and operating a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams of alcohol. Colin K. McKelvey , 31, of Minden appeared in Lindsay court on November 26.

Constable Fredericks stopped a vehicle in the Village of Haliburton on November 20. Wren Douglas Billings, 51, of Dysart Township, was arrested and charged with impaired operation and operation of a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams. He is scheduled to appear in Minden Court on December 2.

Theft at Haliburton Forest

On November 21, Constable Bennett investigated the theft of 10 gasoline powered generators from trailers at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Ltd. In each case, the lock was cut on a the storage shed and the generator stolen. These generators range in size from 650 to 3,500 watts. The 10 generators are valued at about $10,000. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the OPP at 286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-563-8477.

Break-ins and thefts

On November 21, a report was received that tools were stolen from a garage at a house in Fenelon Falls. Stolen were a 3/8" Makita drill, a Makita router, a Makita case with battery and charger for a drill, a JVC portable stereo, Klett electric metal cutter and assorted hand and drywall tools. On that same date a bicycle was stolen from the Coboconk Legion. Stolen was a Supercycle 12 speed "Ascent" blue and white mountain bike.

On November 23, a report of the theft of a Husqvarna Model 55 chain saw was received. It was stolen from a shed at a residence in Minden.

On November 24 a car was stolen in the Village of Norland. A 1984 Chrysler New Yorker with Ontario licence plate ADED 488 was taken from a driveway at about 3:30 a.m.

Fight in Fenelon Falls

At 11:44 a.m. on November 30, the OPP received a report of a large fight and a serious assault which occurred on Lindsay Street in the Village of Fenelon Falls. One male person was taken by car to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. The fight involved students from Fenelon Falls Secondary School. One male was injured and is presently being treated at hospital. Officers are presently at the high school and at the hospital investigating the circumstances. Officers from Lindsay OPP are also assisting with the investigation. Parents of the injured youth have been notified.

Speed zone change

The Minden Coboconk detachment advise motorists of a change in maximum

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The generosity of our community has clearly shown itself as they have reached out to those needing help this past year and previous holiday seasons.
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Lands for Life recommendations

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ponds set in the middle of granite hills seem unlikely spot to find plants from the Atlantic Coast, but this area is blanketed with such species. Separated from populations of their normal range along the Atlantic Coast, these species and habitats were left behind on old shorelines of ancient lakes. The Dawson Ponds/Plastic Lake site is one of only a few significant locations for these species in this Site District. The area (about 260 ha) has been the subject of several long-term research studies and is found within the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Center Management Area.

Enhanced Management Areas

Black River: maintain remoteness while providing access for forestry

Clear Lake: remote access

Livingstone Township: remote access: Township opposes any more land being put into restrictive areas in Livingstone Township which in due course would probably be placed within Algonquin Park without further consultation.

Heritage Waterways: Black River 30 - 120m buffer along river

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Victoria County Libraries celebrate

The Victoria County Libraries enjoyed a week of celebration in late October.

In honour of Ontario Public Library Week, visitors to County Library Branches were treated to:

- Author Visits by local author Ian Watson;
- Free Internet Fun;
- Volunteer Appreciation Days;
- Open Houses;
- Stamp Displays;
- Fine Amnesty;
- and "Write Stuff" events.

Patrons and staff enjoyed a week of refreshments, gifts, extra hours, overdue forgiveness, meeting and greeting, and an opportunity to let others know what the county library meant to their community. The Victoria County Public Library Board and County Library staff would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their particular role in our festivities: Ann Fildey; Bobcaygeon Independent; Country X-press; Fenelon Falls Gazette; Ian Watson, author of "Adventure Cycling in the Victoria-Kawarthas": Mariposa Times; Orillia Packet and Times; Lindsay Daily Post; Lindsay This Week; Minden Times; Port Perry Star; Sarah Graham; Scott's Knetchel's, Kinmount. We appreciate everyone's support and look forward to seeing you again soon at your local branch of the Victoria County Public Library, where every week is public library week.

Did you know: A copy of "What the Victoria County Public Library Means to my Community", the book created by country residents during Public Library Week, will be available in your local branch in late January. Drop by and experience the creativity and enthusiasm of Victoria County residents as they share their thoughts about their branch libraries.

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CHRIS, CHRIS, CHRISTMAS: Chris Lynd and Christopher Greaves, left, share a moment with CBC Radio personality Tom Allen following the reading of Dickens Christmas Carol, November 28. The two Chris's organized the traditional Christmas readings at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. Tom Allen and CBC Fresh Air host Jeff Goodes added their voices to the readings along with the St. George Choir under the direction of Bill Gliddon. Proceeds from the two nights, $2300, were shared between Family Services of Haliburton County and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Busy month for Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders

First Minden Sparks

We welcomed all the Sparks in our Belonging Ceremony. It was a special time for us.

The girls marched in the Remembrance Day Parade and Kelsey Crowe laid the wreath for our unit. We also took part in the service at the school. Jessica Carrell laid the wreath for us there.

We made decorations for the Santa Claus parade. The Pathfinders, as part of their program, have been coming to help. They have some wonderful ideas.

Our unit is growing but there is still room for more. We are also looking for a second full time leader.

Second Minden Sparks

The Sparks participated in the Remembrance Day Parade in Minden. On November 10th, we joined the First Minden Brownies for a story from Reverend Walford-Davis about what it was like to live during the war in England.

We heard the Spark story in preparation for our enrolment. Since we are a new unit, each of us had to be enroled. There was a short ceremony during which each girl said her promise, received her pin and certificate and then placed her picture on the tree of belonging. At our last meeting, we practised singing Christmas Carols and made preparations for the Santa Claus parade.

First Minden Brownies

The Brownies have been extremely busy playing and learning this past month.

We participated in the Legion's Remembrance Day Parade and Service on November 8th. Jessica and Amber carried our Brownie flag with pride and respect. Courtney and Allison did a splendid job placing the wreath from our unit.

November 10th we had a special guest. Reverend Peter Walford-Davis came to share his experiences as a child during the war.

On Remembrance Day we wore our uniforms to school and participated in the service there. Amanda carried the flag and Katie and Robin laid the wreath. We as a unit, were pleased to hear Elizabeth and Robin's thoughts on war.

On November 17, we had a special evening where we welcomed Elizabeth, Brittany, Courtney, Tanisha, Katie, Kandace, Brenda and Megan into the first Minden Brownies. These girls made their Brownie Promise with the understanding that they must always do their best to carry it out.

The 24th found us very busy preparing our float for the Santa Claus Parade. The Brownies did most of the work on the float. We wish to thank Walt Griffin who loaned us the use of his truck and four wheeler and trailer, cut the trees and drove the four wheeler in the parade. Also, thanks to Ralph Berry, who helped us by driving the truck the day of the parade. We truly appreciate all the parents who came out to tie on wings and beaks.

Tanisha, Courtney and Katie all celebrated their seventh birthday in November.

Girl Guides

We have welcomed Jennifer Googh, Samantha Davis, Deanne McKay, Deandre Leonard, Pam Miscio and a new leader Debra Whyte to our unit this year.

The girls marched in the Remembrance Day parade. Amanda Davis and Julie Snell laid the wreath for our unit. We also took part in the service at the school. Kelly Lawr laid the wreath for us there.

Our girls have worked very hard and earned their Junior Resuscitation certificates. Thanks to Anne Costello for teaching the classes.

Thank you to everyone who purchased our mint cookies.

First Minden Pathfinders

The Minden Pathfinders joined the Minden Legion in Remembrance Day activities, both at the Archie Stouffer School Ceremony and the parade day service. We participated in both the Minden and Haliburton Santa Claus parades. Our unit activities have been as varied as making Rice Krispie sculptures and costumes for the parades. We also welcomed a new Pathfinder to our unit this month.

First Highland Rangers

Our program have been very diverse this month, but interesting throughout. And our numbers have swelled. A former member has returned. At the beginning of the month we created an enrolment ceremony for the Pathfinders. Part of the candle-light service was our own reaffirmation of our Promise as well. The Pathfinders each participated in some way and the

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Meeting will hear recycling and garbage collection issues

Victoria County residents urged to learn more about county vote

(from page 7)

Centre starting at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of the County assuming responsibility for recycling and collection. In addition, a Special County Council meeting has been scheduled for December 16, 1998 to discuss the County assuming recycling and collection responsibilities. It is my view that ALL residents should be concerned about this proposed takeover by the County and that they should be attending the public meeting.

Why? I feel if the County assumes responsibility for recycling and collection each and every ratepayer will be faced with uncontrollable cost increases. My understanding is that one of the possibilities they are reviewing is that each household would have a two bag limit per week, and then they would be charged $1.00 for each additional bag.

No consideration for the number of people living in a particular residence would be taken into consideration. Therefore, a residence with a single person would have the same two bag limit as one where a family of three or five or seven dwell.

This possibility also outlines that there should be no residential tax decreases forthcoming. In my view this type of action is nothing but a tax grab by the County.

Rate-payers of Victoria County be warned. Once your elected officials vote on this matter it will be too late for you to protest. Call your Reeve today. Have him or her review exactly what they are looking at. If you don't like what you hear, let them know how you feel they should vote. Monitor what happens at County Council and if you don't like how your elected representative votes on this matter, then don't vote for them next time around.

As your readers might be able to tell I'm not in favour of anything I have heard concerning the County taking over this area of responsibility.

Time after time I talk to voters who say that if they only knew what was happening or being voted on, they would have expressed their views with their representative before a vote had taken place. This is their chance.

Your Reeve is the only member of your local Council who has a vote on County Council. Call him or her today, don't hesitate. Get the facts now, your voices can make a difference concerning this matter.

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Victoria County precludes use of Dombind

by Victoria County Warden John Macklem

Social Services

The Social Services caseload increased a small amount (1.5 per cent) in August over the month of July, but we are still 3.6 per cent lower than August of 1997. We are well below the expected caseload for 1998 (5.3 per cent).

Economic Development

A resolution was passed to authorize an Economic Development Negotiating Committee, comprised of the warden, chair and CAO, to negotiate a new draft agreement with the Town of Lindsay on economic development and that the committee report back to the County's Economic Development Committee on its process.

In an effort to determine the status and opportunities for highway promotional signs, both within and as the road traveller approaches Victoria County, the department undertook extensive research of the status, of such signs.

The Economic Development Department has responded to 45 requests for tourist information for the between September 14 and October 18. The department has also responded to 34 inquiries for information or assistance from 29 existing or would-be businesses, with 18 requests originating from within the County and 11 from outside of it, since the last reporting period.

Waste Management

The County will be holding a public meeting on December 8, at the Ops Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of the County assuming responsibility for recycling and gartbage collection. In addition, a special County Council meeting has been scheduled for December 16 to discuss the issue.

Transportation and Public Works

County Council decided to preclude the use of Dombind as a dust suppressant on County roads. At the request of Somerville Township, the County has decided to re-write its contract language, so the contractors working for the County of Victoria will not be allowed to use Dombind while working on County Road projects. County projects undertaken by day-labour methods which have never used Dombind in the past will continue to use Calcium Chloride and water as their dust suppressant materials.

Council altered its previous stance on the erection of Horse Drawn Vehicle warning signs after a request was received from a representative of the Old Order Mennonite Community that was recently established on and near County Road 8 in Fenelon Township. Gravel shoulders are being used for non-recreational horse drawn carriages. Signs warning motorists of the likelihood that they may encounter such carriages will increase road safety. By agreement, signs supplied by the Mennonite Community will be erected by County staff.

Library

County Council approved, in principle, the relocation of Library administration to 28 Francis Street (beside the County Administration Building), upon the completion of the necessary renovations.

Human Resources

Council has authorized the hiring of the following positions:

- An engineering technologist as a specialist in database management in the Transportation and Public Works department.
- A temporary position for a planner in the Planning department.

The Warden and CAO were requested to continue to pursue the Town of Lindsay concerning planning matters.

Finance and General Administration

County Council accepted a "draft" terms of reference for request for proposals for consultants to provide a cost analysis of different municipal structures for the County of Victoria and it's constituent municipalities, as prepared by the task force. A resolution was adopted by Council, authorizing the request for proposal to be advised and circulated, pursuant to the County's purchasing policy.

Mr. Bill Hughes of the Lindsay Boys and Girls Club was present to address County Council on the subject of providing programs and services to youth on behalf of all municipalities throughout Victoria County.

Council adopted a resolution to express their objections to Bill 79 to the Provincial Minister of Finance. Bill 79 is a bill that would require municipalities to limit tax increases on all commercial and industrial properties to 10 per cent in 1998, and a further five per cent in each of 1999 and 2000.

A by-law was passed to authorize the re-financing of maturing debentures issued in 1998, originally issued for the construction of the new manor, in the amount of $1,465,000 to be repaid over six years from 1999 to 2004.

The County Administration Building will be closed to the public for the week of December 28, to January 1, 1999. This will enable staff to have vacation time.

The public is invited to attend the inaugural session of Victoria County Council on Wednesday December 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. A reception will be held in the Victoria Room, following the inauguration. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Road markers stolen from Highway 35

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speed on County Road 46 (formerly Highway 46). The old speed of 80 kilmetres per hour has been reduced to 60 kilometres per hour. the new speed limit is in effect near the hamlet of Argyle.

Theft of road markers

Between November 13 and 26, 59 guide trail markers were stolen from Highway 35 between Dorset and the Frost Centre. The markers are green and white reflective diamond shapes with one inch square, six foot long glavanized posts.

Break, enter and theft

Constable McMaster investigated a theft on November 25 at a cottage on Percy Lake Road. Stolen from the garage was a 1998 Arctic Cat 580 snowmobile with Ontario Licence 854945.

A trailer was broken into on November 28 on Eagle Lake road. Stolen was a Bush Buggy trailer for an ATV, a McCulloch 18 inch chain saw, a Honda generator, a control for a Warn 2,000 pound winch and a camoflauge high back ATV seat.

On November 30, Constable Connolly investigated an entry at a cottage on Head Lake, near Norland. Stolen from inside the cottage was a wooden end table, a Hitachi VCR, a Zenith 27 inch tv, a Sunbeam electric blanket and a Stihl chain saw vest.

Constable Neville investigated a break in on December first, at a hunting camp on Fish Tail Lake near Harcourt. Stolen from the camp was a Seville propane fridge and a Yamaha 600 watt generator.

AND A ONE, TWO, THREE: Dancer Nicole Fourgere worked with grades two and three math dancing.

Students learn math through dance

by April Austen, Janet Shim and Laura Sully of the ASES press club

This week at Archie Stouffer, the grade two and three classes have been participating in a course called Math Dance, taught by Nicole Fourgere.

Fourgere, from Cambridge Ontario, studied at the Toronto Dance Theatre. Nicole received a grant from the Ontario Arts Council to teach Math Dance. She has taught at four other schools and she approached ASES to see if they would like to participate in the program. From November 23 to the 27th, Nicole taught Math dance at ASES. Math dance is a way to express yourself in math, using music.

On Friday, the parents of the participating students were invited to see what they had learned during the week in Math dance. The Math dance started slowly with a short warm up. Students used different movements such as stomping, clapping, and growing to numbers.

The first class starting was 2A. They proceeded to make frozen statues using their bodies in different positions to form a large class statue.

The next class was 2B. They did a number line story about Tim the alien who was trying to get to number 10 where his spaceship was located. The children were acting out the numbers with different positions, (e.g. number 10 was represented by the half upright squatting position).

2C was jumping from different shapes, taped to the floor. A diamond was a tiger. An oval was a monkey and a rectangle was a giraffe. The students jumped from one to another as Ms. Fougere called out the animals. After all the classes finished, Nicole performed a dance that she had created.

Nicole said that she always wanted to perform. She feels that this is her way to give back to children. Nicole also performs and choreographs. After this, she will be going to Vancouver to join the Caron Jamieson Dance Company. We wish her the best of luck in Vancouver.

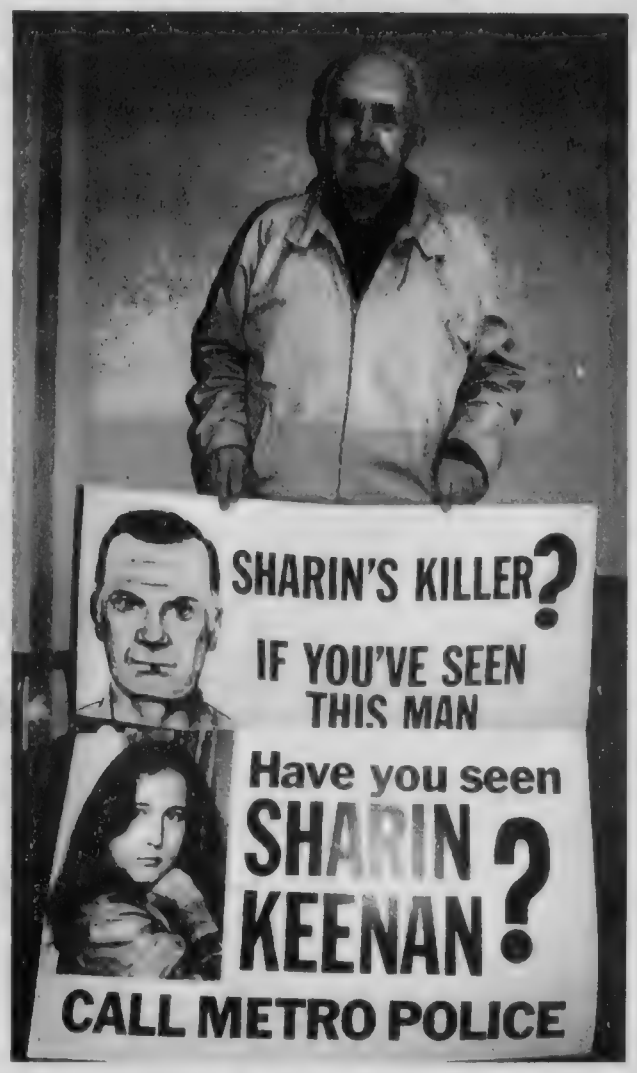
Campaign stirs memories for former Star employee

A recent nation-wide campaign to help locate the man suspected of being the killer of a young Toronto girl has generated memories for a Minden resident.

Ian Craig was a driver for the Star when the vicious murder took place. He recalls that the young girl, nine year old Sharin Morningstar Keenan, was kidnapped from a park in the Annex area of Toronto.

The search and subsequent discovery of the young girl's body nine days later, stirred concern throughout the Toronto area and the country. As part of the campaign to find the missing girl and Dennis Melvyn Howe, the man suspected of killing her, posters were placed on the sides of The Star delivery trucks. "The whole city was touched by this murder," Craig said. "It was front page news."

Despite the extensive campaign, the man believed to be responsible for the murder was never found. Earlier this fall, community newspapers across the country published an appeal, hoping to find the suspect who has eluded police for the past 15 years. The article, which appeared in the October 2 edition of the TV TIMES, described the crime and the man involved and provided an artist's concept of how the wanted man may have aged.



Minden resident Ian Craig, former Toronto Star driver, displays two posters he saved from the campaigns to locate the missing girl and later to find the man believed responsible for her death. The posters were posted on the sides of Toronto Star delivery trucks in the early 1980's.

When Craig saw the report in the publication, he remembered that he had saved two of the truck posters from his days at The Star. He recalled that one of the detectives leading the investigation vowed that the killer would be caught. Regretfully that has not been the case and so the search for the man continues.

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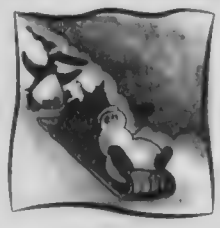
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Pathfinders

(from page 20)

whole thing went off with a sense of honour and dignity.

Five Rangers marched in the Parade for the Remembrance Day Service lead by the Minden Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The girls will be so happy to see the middle of December arrive. They feel all their spare time has been spent trying to sell, sell, sell. However, we have been able to meet our deadlines and we seem to be at last be in the blue! At present we are busy crafting our items for the Christmas Tea and Craft sale on December 5th at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Mr. Don Wright's Music Room in Lochlin. He gave us confidence to sing out and coached us with several of the songs suggested by Sing Ontario Sing. He was very encouraging and planted the seed of a "choir" in our minds.

Mrs. Jane Meyers, from the CIBC bank was our special guest at our last meeting to discuss financial matters with us. We appreciated her taking time to visit with us and tell us about personal financial options.

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ATTENTION

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 is planning to upgrade the County Cairn in Minden. We are informed there may be names of other Canadian Services personnel from Haliburton County who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Korean War or World War 1 or 2. We hope to correct any names incorrectly spelt on the plaque. Should you be able to supply us with information relating to the above please advise our branch at 286-4541 or Dave McAdam at 286-2856 or drop us a line Box 238 Minden KOM2KO

"Lest We Forget"

Boost for Healthy Babies program

Queen's Park Report
by Chris Hodgson, MPP

A recent announcement in health care is a very good piece of news that I would like to share with everyone in Victoria-Haliburton. My colleagues, Minister of Health, Elizabeth Witmer and Community and Social Services Minister, Janet Ecker, recently announced a province-wide initiative that would double the funding of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program.

What this means to all of us is that more young children in our area will get a better start in life thanks to a $112,000 increase to the local community-based program

This increase is part of the provincial initiative to raise funding for the program from $10 million to $20 million. Our government forecasts this program to grow to an annual $50 million investment by 2000-01, as part of our commitment to strengthen and integrate children's services.

Our government believes strongly in creating services that will help the children of Ontario to get a better start in life.

Approximately 150,000 newborns are screened each year in Ontario. About 25 per cent will be referred to public health units for a further follow up through the program. Almost half of those referred will need a public health nurse to perform a home assessment in order to connect the family to the most suitable services. The 9,000 or so newborns that are identified as high risk will receive home visits by a trained home visitor and a public health nurse.

The Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program will ensure that all children have the same opportunity for a bright and healthy future by building on the strengths of the family and community, and by making the most effective use of all available resources close to home.

This program will help to develop parenting skills, connect families to resources in the community and will promote healthy child development.

Teddy bears invade school

by Taylor Gardener, Meagan Bradley and Meghan Kernohan of the ASES Press Club

During the month of November, the grade one students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School have been learning about real bears and teddy bears. Some are big and white, others are small and skinny. The grade one teachers, Mrs. Sisson, Mrs. Brezina, and Ms. Cox introduced the students to bears because the subject is part of the science unit. They included a teddy bear picnic to make it more fun.

On November 27, the grade one classes gathered to have the picnic in the main foyer to celebrate the end of the unit on bears. The teddy bears who made it to the picnic included: Grizzly Bears, Polar Bears, and even Black bears. Mrs. Archer even brought a black bear pelt rug to the picnic. A great time was had by everyone.

From the left, Dillon Sylvestre, Greg Oitment and daniel Boisvert enjoy their picnic in the foyer.

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Nominations close January 29, 1999.

NEW MANAGEMENT: Lesley Ysseldyk, manager of the Paulmac's Pet Food is surrounded by the newly stocked selections at the Minden store. The store is under new management with a wide array of pet food, starter kits for fish and small animals and birds and small animals. Jeff and Bonnie Playton are now in charge and will divide their time between the Minden store, located in the Heritage Plaza and their Bobcaygeon location. The store is open seven days a week, Monday to Thursday and Saturday from nine to six, Friday from nine to eight and Sunday from ten to four. Paulmac's has food for many types of critters including cats, dogs, birds, fish, hamsters, rabbits and more. Although the store does not stock fish, with the purchase of an aquarium fish lovers will receive a 20 per cent discount on fish from the Paulmac's Bobcaygeon store.

Farmers are being helped

Ottawa report
by John O'Reilly, MP

Many connections link rural and urban Canadians, and all of us will be affected by the current problems in the agricultural sector. Canadian farmers produce affordable and healthful food for our tables, along with many non-edible products, such as ethanol motor fuel, that contribute to a clean, sustainable environment. Now a combination of factors, including grain stocks surpluses and financial and political instability in Asia, Latin America and Russia, have decreased demand for our commodities and pushed prices to their lowest levels in 20 years. Today some farmers are experiencing a potentially disastrous cash crisis.

The Canadian agriculture and agri-food industry is the third largest employer in Canada. In addition to farmers, there are suppliers, processors, transporters, grocers and restaurant workers. The agriculture and agri-food industry generates about $95 billion in domestic retail and food service sales annually. Grains and oilseed are among our leading agricultural exports. In 1996, the value of Canada's agri-food exports was a record $19.9 billion, with half of exports going to the United States.

On a national level, farm income is expected to be down 20 percent from 1997. With problems expected to continue through 1999, the situation requires a short-term targeted response, but also demands long-term solutions.

The problem of low commodity prices for Canadian farmers has been aggravated by what some have called the vigilante response of the United States. This past summer and fall they have impeded the movement of Canadian grains and livestock by creating a border blockade.

Under normal circumstances, the three components to Canada's farm safety net system, taken together, create income stability in the farm sector. These are the Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA), Crop insurance, and Companion programs that provide funding for specific provincial initiatives.

The federal government invests $600 million annually in farm safety nets. Provincial governments contribute another $400 million and farmers are investing a further $600 million.

NISA is a voluntary program designed to help producers stabilize their income. Producers deposit money annually into their NISA account and receive a matching contribution from governments. Producer deposits also earn a three per cent interest bonus over and above competitive rates. Across Canada, the NISA fund is valued at $2.5 billion.

Crop insurance is also a voluntary program. It offers risk protection to agricultural producers who contribute one-third the cost of the program. This calendar year, the national crop insurance program will provide farmers with an estimated $430 million in direct payments. On a national basis, 55 to 60 per cent of crop land (more than 48 million acres) - totalling $5.5 billion in protection - was insured.

Farm Consultation Service provides one-on-one financial management counselling for a small fee. Counsellors work with farmers to assess their current position, prepare a financial statement to help prevent more financial problems, and develop an operational plan to address their situation.

Farm Debt Mediation Service provides insolvent farmers and their creditors with mediation services as outlined in the Farm Debt Mediation Act (FDMA) and Regulations to help them arrive at a mutually satisfactory arrangement. For example, it provides for a financial expert to conduct a detailed review of a farmer's financial affairs and will help prepare a recovery plan. Mediation assistance is provided when the farmer discusses the plan with creditors.

The federal government wants to work with Canada's farmers during this current economic downturn. Our common goal is to look at all viable options to ensure our safety net system works. Working together, industry and governments will effectively confront the challenges facing us, and we will address low farm incomes.

To contact your Member of Parliament concerning this article or any other subject please write to: House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6. No postage is required. Internet address: http://www.halhinet.on.ca/oreillyj Or e-mail at: oreilj@parl.gc.ca

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Branch 636 levee set for December 24

Service Clubs
by Alan "Cub" Coneybeare

Your Legion wishes you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

This weather (17° at time of writing) is great! Maybe the forecast previously stating that we would have a long hard winter will be all wrong. Hope so!

Christmas is coming and since this is my last column until the new year, it's my pleasure to wish you all a great and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year in 1999. My Christmas is going to be different this year and I anxiously await 1999.

As usual, our branch is busy with all kinds of activity. We had a party about two weeks ago, aptly named a hootenanny, with singing, dancing and jokes. It was a great evening which went on into the small hours. The food was great and Dorothy Ash's homemade stew was a real hit as usual.

I'll let you know when the next date will be for a repeat.

Coming up

December 11 - Bus and luncheon at Rama

December 13 - Our annual Kids Christmas party.

December 16 - Our annual Turkey and Ham roll (starts at noon until the turkeys and hams are gone. Get out early because of the large crowd!)

December 24 - Our Christmas Eve Levee - noon to 5:00 p.m. We will be serving light refreshments. Everyone is welcome to visit our branch and to ask any questions they wish about our functions. We'll be glad to welcome you. Admission is free.

On December 31, it's our "live band" New Year's Eve gala. Come and enjoy a wonderful buffet - prizes and all the trimmings including a champagne toast. Tickets are $15 per person at the door. Bring in the new year with us.

The Gull River

I, for one, am ashamed of the once mighty Gull flowing through our village. In all the years I have enjoyed this, our biggest beautiful asset, I have never seen it in such a state. It is so low that two weeks ago kids were riding their bikes from shore to shore. We know the lack of rainfall is a big reason for the problem but, it has never even been this deplorable. What can be done to improve this state. Who has some answers?

This Month's Profile - Ed Hisson

I was born in the country near Orangeville. At two years-old my family moved to Toronto, where I stayed for the rest of my working life.

I was educated at public school and a Western Tech. Then I joined the army. It took four weeks at the depot before I was shipped to Basic Training in Orillia. I was then shipped to Nova Scotia where I was in about six training camps. Back to Brampton, over to Base Borden, down to Farnham Quebec, 60 miles north of Montreal.

It was at Farnham when a call came through for volunteers for the first Canadian Parachute Battalion and three of us volunteered.

We went to Camp Shiloh for our parachute training. After about eight to 10 weeks of training we were shipped overseas. That was quite an experience. When we arrived in England we had more training.

When the war finally ended, I returned home with a bunch of happy veterans. I joined the Boy Scouts, became a cub leader for a year and a half, then became a scout master for three years. My ambition was to organize a Rover crew with the 38th troop. The Rover crew lasted about 15 years. Then I became the District Rover Leader.

We then organized four more Rover crews in the district. While all this Scouting was going on, I married a charming cub leader on September 10, 1949.

We had one child, a beautiful girl. She married and gave me two beautiful grandchildren. My wife died very suddenly on October 3, 1985.

I remarried in April of 1988 and moved to Minden in October of 1988. My second wife died on July 30, 1992 of lung cancer.

Now I am doing what I know best, helping other people. I am a volunteer driver with Haliburton Home Support Services and Family Services.

The rest is history.

Cubs note: Ed does a lot of work helping less fortunate people. Thanks Ed!

Until next year, all the best to everyone! Thanks, Cub.

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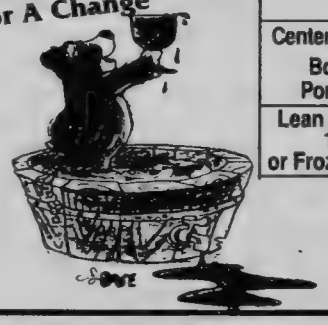

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The Minden Lions Club

Busy times at Hyland Crest

Senior League
by the Roving Reporters

Hope everyone had a good week. We certainly enjoyed ours. Our tea party on the twenty-sixth was hosted by the Minden Legion. It was also our birthday tea and there were many celebrants for the month. The birthday table was quite crowded and a lot of us turned out for the treats. Our thanks to the ladies for providing us with their company.

On Friday, some residents and family members attended a delicious luncheon buffet. Afterwards they were invited along with representatives from the Health Services Board, and the construction company to view various samples of carpet flooring that will be installed in our new bedrooms. The samples were also tested for easy wheeling of walkers and wheelchairs. Residents and family members who attended, stated how much they appreciated the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the decorating of the new bedrooms. It's really brought the whole thing into perspective for us. A big thank you to the dietary staff for providing such a lovely lunch.

Over the weekend, things were fairly quiet. Although a few visitors were seen in and out. On Monday afternoon, Linda, Nancy, and Kim, along with some help, created two wonderful gingerbread houses. They are just great and will certainly add some Christmas cheer to our home. Thanks ladies.

Quite a few residents attended chapel on Tuesday morning. Reverend Wicks joined us in remembering Alice Todd. We will miss Alice. She was very much involved in many activities. That evening we were fortunate to enjoy a "Brownies Christmas". We did so much enjoy hearing the voices of the children singing the carols, and we thank them for thinking of us and coming to be with us.

The Norland Hillbillies were here for our pub night and a group from Norland will be with us for our tea party today. We look forward to having them join us.

Well December is definitely upon us and our calendar is chock full. We will have to try and remember everything that goes on so we can tell you all about it.

We send out a warm welcome to our newest resident, Ruby Williams and also to Ken Bell who is here on vacation stay.

That seems to be all the news from this end. It has been a little quieter than usual these past few days. That's OK though, as the upcoming weeks will be fairly busy. Talk with you again next week. In the meantime, keep smiling!

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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450 or fax 286-4425)

Nothing seems to work out as expected. Just like this weather is certainly not what we expect at this time of year, events don't happen as planned. I have had a week of expecting this and getting that. It is important to learn how to be flexible and open but sometimes it's ridiculous!! It would be nice to have things go smoothly as I want them to, once in a while. The human lament!!

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Isn't the weather something? I was driving back to Minden last week in the late afternoon and there was that feeling of spring in the air. That feeling when the grass starts greening, the air softens and the colour of the sky deepens. But as I drove and it got darker, Christmas lights on the homes came on in sharp contrast to the earlier daylight mood. It felt very confused. It reminded me of seeing Jack Brezina in his shorts in the Santa Claus parade, collecting money in his wheelbarrow for the Hospital Fund. Those bare legs didn't look weird (!!) , because it was so warm. You were lucky, Jack, this time!! --lucky and successful it sounds like!! It is wonderful when people are so generous.

And the birds. All of a sudden there are lots of crows out there again. I am sure they had left, as I noted a while ago that I couldn't see or hear them anymore. But Sunday morning I saw them along the river as if they had always been there. Commenting on this to a friend, she too had seen swarms of starlings back again. Do they know something we don't? Are they going to get caught later in a blast of winter?

In sharp contrast, I was going through some of my father's papers the other day. Dad had written a genealogy of our family and the following quote is taken from his notes. "Although Polly Devitt had survived the trials and hardships of migration, by the spring of 1816 she found she could not endure the harsh Canadian winter. She decided to return to Pennsylvania taking her youngest child Joseph with her, but leaving her young family of eight children with their father. (!!!) 1816 turned out to be 'the year with no summer'." As an aside, all of those eight children were adopted out to local families and some of them fared better than others.

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On Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m., we are being invited to gather for the annual Christmas Carol Sing in the Wee Kirk at Minden's Museum grounds. Refreshments will be served at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery following the sing song. This Christmas event is a lovely tradition in our town.

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The Minden Women's Institute will hold its meeting on December 16 at the Terrace. This a Pot Luck lunch . Members, come on out and bring a friend!! There will be a Christmas program. All women are welcome. Come out and join in the holiday mood!!

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I hope to see a lot of you out and about in this pre-Christmas season, shopping, carol singing and partaking of Christmas goodies at church luncheons etc. It's harder to get into the spirit of Christmas because of the warm weather, but on the other hand it is easier to get about without being all bundled up!!

SCORING NEWS

Two weeks of scores for Lochlin and Gelert: The scores for Lochlin didn't get in because of confusion over the new/old Fax number. If you get that horrible buzzing sound, call the 286-4450 number!! So on November 24, at Lochlin, Bob Vick won lone hands. Bill Peacock won men's high and Murray MacKinnon won low. Isabel Saunders and Rheta Crofts won the high and low, respectively for the women. Mervin Gilbert won the 50/50 draw.

Last week at Gelert, Isa Hilyer won lone hands. Lorna Hicks and Isabel Saunders won the high and low for the women. George Bartley and Harold Harvie did the same thing for the men. George Bartley also won the 50/50 draw.

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Seniors Bid Euchre at the Minden Legion on December the first saw the following winners: The high scorers were Gladys Wruth, Shirley Elcome, Kay Smith and Pat Scadden. Esther Lee took the hidden score and Shirley Elcome and Ida Young took the moonshots.

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At St. Paul's Friendship Club on November 30, Helen Lee took the 50/50 draw. Gladys Wruth took lone hands. Pearl Cowen was high woman and Bill Mosley was high man. Low scorer for that day was Betty Hardy.

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Back at the Legion on November 26 for Euchre, Sharon Evans and Ralph Schroter held most lone hands for the women and men. Jayne Cooper and Harvey Bunker were the high scorers. Carol Hill and Marg McAfee won the low. Ed Hisson, Elaine, Gladys Wruth and Maria Tschida won the other prizes. Besides a good afternoon of Euchre, everyone enjoyed the birthday cake made by Baronessa Fuhr for the eightieth birthday of Ann Baker. Happy Birthday wishes Ann !!

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Club 35 had a good Euchre night last week. The 50/50 draw was won by Harry Randell. Lone hands was taken by Cliff Woolner. High woman and man were Helen Windsor and Harry Randell (again). Low woman and man were Verna Sawyer and Wally Harpur. Helen Henderson brought home the baloney. There were some special awards that evening after a long drought. They went to Olive Jones, Marilyn Teljeur and Wally Harpur.

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To complete the scores for the week, we have the results of Duplicate Bridge at Echo Hills Apartments in Haliburton and Stanhope Contract Bridge. Also to mention that there is still room for one more person in the beginner bridge lessons in January. If there is someone out there who wants to join the other eleven to brush up your skills, please call Ross Fletcher at 489-2399. There will be four lessons on January 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 1-3 p.m. at the Stanhope Library.

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At Echo Hills, Mike Collins and Nick Lehoczky came in first; Judy Neiman and Maria Lehoczky were second and Vera Carnochan and Mayme Douglas were third.

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At Stanhope Library, Diane Boll was number one with 5970; Betty Roszell, second with 5860; Stan Hill, third with 5370. One small slam was bid and made, played by Ross Fletcher and Diane Boll. is certainly distinguishing herself in this game of bridge. If she keeps this up, the next we hear will be her appointment to the American Contract Bridge League!!

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My apologies to the Bid Euchre group at Stanhope, that your scores are not here this week but my deadline was a day earlier this week. We'll get a double dose in next week !!

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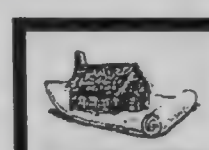
Have a good week. Let's see if we are still talking about mild weather next week too. I hope you do not get too frazzled in the rush of the season. See you here next week !!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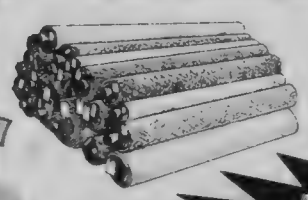

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A sincere thank you to all our friends for their expressions of sympathy on the loss of our sister and brother-in-law, Bertha and Pete Burkitt. Your kindness was very comforting. Special thanks to Audrey Trumbull.
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The family of the late Raymond Gostlin would like to take this opportunity to thank the ambulance and air ambulance attendants, the doctors and nurses at the Minden and Peterborough Civic hospitals.
To everyone who brought food, sent cards, letters, phone calls and gave donations or showed concern in any way, we thank you.
To Patricia Bradburn and David and Joanne Camelon who opened their homes to our families for dinner on Saturday night, we thank you. To Rev. William Fairley, the Masons and Eastern Star for their kind messages of Faith. The Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for their compassion, concern and professionalism, we thank you.
We thank the U.C.W. ladies for the delicious lunch served at Norland United Church after the funeral.
We sincerely hope we have not forgotten anyone who helkped us in any way in this time of great sorrow.
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Well, the 10th annual Minden Santa Claus Parade has come and gone. As the parade marshall I rarely see the full event as a viewer. This year I actually saw the entire parade except maybe a fire truck or two. All I can say is that Minden should be extremely proud of itself. What a great parade. Over twenty floats, two bands and participation from all over the county.

In the ten years of the parade many people have been thanked. Below is a list of those who have helped make this parade what it is today. If we missed you we are extremely sorry.

A big thank you goes out to the following:

Minden town council for your support and participation, our local car dealers for supplying vehicles for our dignitaries, Kawartha Dairy, always there with the milk and even some floats, Photo Solutions for always great picture development, Russ Duhaime Photography for your time and effort, Minden Fire Department, always willing to help out at the firehall, Our local OPP Detachment for supplying our lead cars, our local police support groups for helping with traffic, Variety Plus Wholesale for helping with the candy bags at the hall, Minden Lioness Club for always helping at the hall and even participating with floats, Santa Claus, Minden Times, always great coverage of Minden events, all the Service Clubs for donating financially and for even participating in the parade, Minden BIA for your financial support through all these years, Amateur Radio Club for your helping hands, Minden Roads Department. A big thank you must go to all those who participated and have enjoyed the parade for the last ten years, without the community's support, this event would not be what it is today.

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AT REST

STIRLING, Robert "Bob"

(Retired Staff Inspector Metro Toronto Police).

At Kingston, Ontario on Monday, November 30, 1998 in his 73rd year. Beloved husband of Sarah Naismith. Loving father of Janette (Frank) of Harcourt and Judi (Dan) of Orangeville. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren James, Corinne, Amy, Ashley and Daniel and great granddaughter Alexandra. The family received friends at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Thursday evening, December 3, 1998 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Friday afternoon, December 4, 1998 at 2 o'clock. Interment South Wilberforce Cemetery, Wilberforce. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

McNEIL, Donald

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, November 30, 1998 in his 67th year. Beloved husband of Delsie Bosley. Loving son of Olive (Harry) Wigginton of Hamilton. Loving father of Larry of Newmarket, Frank and Donald both of Oshawa, Katherine and Melody both of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by his three grandchildren, Michael, Brian and Patricia. Dear stepbrother of Joan and Nancy and Rob and Peter. Predeceased by his stepbrother Ted. The family received friends at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday evening, December 1, 1998 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Wednesday afternoon, December 2, 1998 at 3 o'clock. Cremation. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

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AT REST

STEVENS, Jessie

(Resident of R.R. #1, Coboconk, Ontario)

At the residence in Coboconk on Sunday morning, November 29, 1998 in her 80th year. Jessie "Jesse" Murray Stevens was the beloved wife of Andrew Stevens. Loving mother of Drew, Murray and Bradley. She will be sadly missed by her two sisters Emma Fleming and Margaret Baxter as well as her two grandchildren Laurel and Andrew Stevens. Predeceased by her brother John Sharkey. Private funeral arrangements. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Alzheimers Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Coboconk Community Funeral Home, Coboconk, Ontario (1-800-833-4342).

ENGLAND, Grace

(Resident of Norland, Ontario)

At the residence on Saturday, November 28, 1998 in her 67th year. Beloved wife of the late Joseph England (1988). Loving mother of Arnold of Norland, Harry of Crossfield, Alta., Joe of Calgary, Alta., Dale (Susie) of Crossfield, Alta, Gordon (Cheryl) of Oshawa, Garry (Brenda) of Lindsay, Donna of Toronto, Marion (Dani) of Norland and Lori-Lynn (Steve) of Seabright. Fondly remembered by her eighteen grandchildren, Matthew, Zackery, Chris, Paul, Hayley, Melissa, Stan, Elias, Devon, Jason, Ryan, Patsy, Cole, Danielle, Evan, Keith, Linsey and Jordan. Dear sister of Lorne of Coboconk, Mary of Lindsay, Ron of Coboconk, Jim and Joe both of Norland, Jean of Kirkfield and Ken of Coboconk. Predeceased by her infant daughter Grace, her sisters Betty and Margaret and brothers Thomas and David. The family received friends at the Coboconk Community Funeral Home, Cameron Street, (on Hwy #35) in Coboconk (1-800-833-4342) on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to Christ Church Anglican, Coboconk, Elizabeth Street, Coboconk for Funeral Service on Wednesday, December 2, 1998 at 11 o'clock. Interment Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland.

As expressions of sympathy donations to the Norland Ladies Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSTON, Glen Michael - In loving memory of a dear son and brother taken from us December 5, 1989.

We could not have known
That day, the sorrow again
To our family would bring.
To feel again the bitter pain
That never should have been.
But when we reach the heavenly garden
And see them in bloom
The flowers we love so dearly
And God plucked much too soon.
Every hour we miss you son
Sadly we feel your loss
Lonely in our home without you
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Deeply loved and sadly missed,
Mom, brother and sisters.

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